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Trent George, a Niles resident, poses with his sheep that he showcased in the breeding class Tuesday at the fairgrounds. George has been attending the fair since he was 5 years old.

The next best thing

Exhibitors hit the fairgrounds for alternative showcase

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

The Berrien County Youth Fair has been holding one-day exhibitions that began on Sunday. The unique showcase is not open to the public due to COVID-19 restrictions.

BERRIEN SPRINGS — With no rides, food or grandstand events, the Berrien County fairgrounds looks unusually empty for mid-August.

But since Sunday, various exhibitors have ventured out to what has been referred to as the "Berrien County Showcase – Where Youth are Essential." The alternative showcase was organized after the fair was canceled due to restrictions stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The end result has been a series of animals and projects being judged through social distancing and caution.

Fair Manager Karen Klug said they've had one-day showcases for several animals, which included only sheep and dogs on Tuesday.

"It's been tricky staying within the executive orders. All the activities take place outside so we can have up to 200 people," she said. "It's not open to the public. Each exhibitor was allowed two guests to keep numbers at the needed threshold."

Instead, family and friends have been watching a livestream of the showcases throughout the week over the youth fair's website.

The only sound usually comes from excited animals and judges, who operate the microphone.

The showcase is different for everyone involved, as the Show Arena could not be used since it is categorized as a building. Instead, fair officials got creative, using places like the poultry barn for larger animals since the facility features an open-air concept.

Using the smaller space, half of the building was barricaded with only a portion covered in sawdust for the showcase. Klug said organizers also had to change the way champions are recognized.

"Even though we're not giving out our traditional trophies and ribbons, some of the areas have come up with their own awards based upon contributions," she said. "Our organization is here for the kids to try and make it so they have a place to show off their projects they've worked on all year."

Precautions are taken throughout.

Upon entering the fairgrounds in Berrien Springs, exhibitors and family members are given a health screening where they fill out a questionnaire – not unlike ones at a doctor's office. Next they have their temperature taken and are given wristbands for entry.

Among the exhibitors at the fairgrounds on Tuesday was Trent George, who was 5 years old the first time he showed an animal at the fair.

In previous fairs, the Niles resident has shown cattle, sheep and pigs. This year, Trent, now 17, showcased sheep at the limited field of exhibitors.

His Southdown sheep was named champion in the breeding category.

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MSU to students: Stay home

President switches direction 2 weeks before start of school

By MCKENNA ROSS
mlive.com

EAST LANSING — Michigan State University is switching its fall class schedule to remote learning and has asked students who planned to live in dorms to stay home.

In a public letter to the MSU community on Tuesday, MSU President Samuel Stanley Jr. said the current status of the novel coronavirus pandemic, including recent outbreaks at other universities, caused the change in plans.

MSU originally had planned for a hybrid learning model of in person and online classes in the fall.

"It has become evident to me that, despite our best efforts and strong planning, it is unlikely we can prevent widespread transmission of COVID-19 between students if our undergraduates return to campus," Stanley, a medical doctor, said in the letter.

University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill moved its classes online after several clusters appeared in student groups and on-campus housing within the first week of classes.

College students across Michigan are returning to campus, and so are their parties amid coronavirus

MSU's colleges of Law, Human Medicine, Nursing, Osteopathic Medicine, Veterinary Medicine and all graduate programs are exempt from the change to remote classes, but no modified plans have been specified, according to officials.

Classes that use labs, studios and other performance-based measures will also transition online. Stanley said the university will "work with" students in those classes needed for graduation.

The university will offer refunds or credits to students who have already paid for housing in the residence halls, Stanley said. Exceptions can be made for some students, such as those needing to live on campus for employment.

MSU employees are encouraged to work remotely if possible, Stanley said. Students planning to live off campus also are encouraged to consider staying in their home communities if that is a safer place for them, he said.

"We have seen that it is difficult for colleges and universities, and other areas of education such as K-12, to be open successfully right now given the prevalence of the virus," Stanley said in the letter. "While I have faith in our students and all of the members of the campus

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BERRIEN COUNTY TRIAL COURT

Hearing starts for alleged embezzler

Vineyard owners claim over $120K stolen by ex-office manager

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Portia Braddock told a Berrien County judge Tuesday that after doing a lot of digging, she found 196 checks totaling $122,611.69 that contained the forged signature of her fiancé, Dan Nitz.

The checks were made out to Lorraine Branum, an Indiana woman who has been charged with embezzling more than $100,000 from Nitz's business, a vineyard in Baroda where Branum was employed as office manager. Braddock's testimony came during a preliminary hearing for Branum in Berrien County Trial Court Judge Charles LaSata's courtroom.

The hearing was adjourned for the day after Branum's lawyer, Sarissa Montague, said she wants to review, one-by-one, an inch-thick stack of copies of checks presented to the court Tuesday by Berrien Assistant Prosecutor Peter Drent. Because Montague had not previously seen the proposed evidence, the judge agreed to adjourn the hearing and resume it in a week or two.

Branum, 59, of Granger, is alleged to have stolen money from Arrowhead Vineyard in Baroda by writing herself extra payroll checks and forging the name of her boss, Nitz, who co-owns the business with his mother.

Branum is charged with embezzlement of $100,000 or more, a 20-year felony and three counts of the lesser charge of uttering and publishing. She is free on a $5,000 bond. Before the start of her hearing on Tuesday, Branum was offered a plea deal. Drent said if she pleaded guilty to embezzlement of $50,000-$100,000, the prosecutor's office would recommend a jail sentence but no prison time at sentencing. She turned down the deal but, given the evidence offered by Drent, which her lawyer had not previously seen, may be given a chance to reconsider, LaSata said. Normally, once a hearing starts, any plea deal is off the table, the judge said.

It is alleged that Branum stole money from Arrowhead Vineyard in increments between November 2018 and January 2020.

Nitz told the court the alleged embezzlement was discovered by Braddock, his fiancée, who brought to his attention some checks on which the name on the signature line was his, but the signature itself was not.

Nitz and Braddock called police on Feb. 12, requesting that an officer be on site when they fired Branum. When Branum arrived to work that day, Baroda-Lake

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SOUTH HAVEN

BLM mural idea gets good reception

But many details still need to be ironed out

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — While a bright yellow Black Lives Matter mural has been painted in nearby Benton Harbor, one being proposed for South Haven isn't likely for at least a while.

"We know a mural is being planned for South Haven, but we don't yet know where or when," said Monique Crowley, who is spearheading the project.

Crowley planted the seeds for the project on Monday by introducing a proposal to South Haven City Council members to allow for the painting of a mural downtown in the westbound lane of Phoenix Street, in front of city hall.

"The design will not cover more than the width of the northern lane of westbound traffic, and will not span pass the length of City Hall," Crowley wrote in her proposal to the council. "Our dedicated team will need approximately 72 hours to complete the entire project. We will be seeking funding from other organizers and supporters. No funds will be needed directly from the City of South Haven or its affiliates."

Council members and city staff are receptive to the concept for a Black Lives Matter mural. However, concern was expressed about the downtown location in an area that is highly trafficked with vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians.

"There's a number of concerns about painting travel lanes," Interim City Manager Kate Hosier said.

Department of Public Works Director Bill Hunter explained those concerns.

"You can't have murals painted over crosswalks or center lanes," he said, referring to the two crosswalks on Phoenix where the mural has been proposed.

Hunter also said the mural itself may detract from signs and street markings that are in place to keep motorists and pedestrians safe.

Another issue also was brought up by staff and council members.

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Biden's convention focus: Experience to fix Trump's chaos

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Democratic National Convention via AP

Democratic presidential candidate former Vice President Joe Biden leads a conversation on racial justice with Art Acevedo, Jamira Burley, Gwen Carr, Derrick Johnson and Lori Lightfoot during the first night of the Democratic National Convention on Monday.

NEW YORK — Joe Biden drew on party elders at the Democratic National Convention Tuesday night, making the case that he and his party are uniquely positioned with experience and expertise to repair chaos that President Donald Trump has created at home and abroad.

He also showed off younger Democrats the party hopes will be the political stars of tomorrow, although there was little room given to the stars of the party's far-left wing.

Former President Bill Clinton and former Secretary of State John Kerry – and former Republican Secretary of State Colin Powell – were among the heavy hitters on a schedule that emphasized a simple theme: Leadership matters. Former President Jimmy Carter, now 95 years old, also was making an appearance.

"Donald Trump says we're leading the world. Well, we are the only major industrial economy to have its unemployment rate triple," Clinton said in excerpts of his remarks released ahead of the convention's second night. "At a time like this, the Oval Office should be a command center. Instead, it's a storm center. There's only chaos."

On a night that Biden was formally receiving his party's presidential nomination, the convention was also introducing his wife, Jill Biden, to the nation as the prospective first lady.

Biden is fighting unprecedented logistical challenges to deliver his message during an all-virtual convention this week as the coronavirus epidemic continues to claim hundreds of American lives each day and wreaks havoc on the economy.

The former vice president was becoming his party's nominee as a prerecorded roll call vote from delegates in all 50 states airs, and the four-day convention will culminate on Thursday when he accepts that nomination inside a mostly empty Delaware convention hall. His running mate, California Sen. Kamala Harris, will become the first woman of color to accept a major party's vice presidential nomination on Wednesday.

Until then, Biden is presenting what he sees as the best of his sprawling coalition to the American electorate in a format unlike any other in history. There is no live audience for any of the speakers, who have so far delivered their remarks standing or seated alone in mostly prerecorded videos.

For a second night, the Democrats featured Republicans.

Ballot drop boxes seen as a way to bypass the post office

By ASTRID GALVAN and CHRISTINA A. CASSIDY
Associated Press

PHOENIX — With the Trump administration openly trying to undermine mail-in voting this fall, some election officials around the country are hoping to bypass the Postal Service by installing lots of ballot drop boxes in libraries, community centers and other public places.

Such boxes have been used with success for several years in states like Oregon, Washington and Colorado that rely largely or entirely on ballots that must be sent in. But their use is being expanded because of the coronavirus outbreak and, more recently, concerns about the post office's ability to do its job.

State or local authorities in places such as Arizona, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania are pressing for more boxes or drop-off sites that would enable ballots to reach election officials without going through the mail.

"Donald Trump continues to undermine the legitimacy of mail-in absentee ballots by attacking the U.S. Postal Service," said New York state Sen. Brad Hoylman, a Democrat who is sponsoring legislation to set up drop boxes beyond the usual confines of voting sites and local election offices. "New York can hit back on this anti-democratic fearmongering by establishing absentee ballot drop boxes across the state to help ensure the integrity of these ballots."

In the potential battleground state of Wisconsin, the five biggest cities won a $6.3 million grant from the nonprofit Center for Tech and Civic Life to help administer the November election, including installation of drop boxes. Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett said his city will use some of its $2.1 million share to buy more than a dozen to install at libraries and other locations.

Arizona's secretary of state is ordering about 70 more for the mostly rural areas that have requested them, and a spokeswoman said some counties are also purchasing extra ones.

Washington state election officials said that there are 450 drop boxes statewide, and there are discussions about adding more.

Last week, the Postal Service, having cut overtime and late deliveries, began warning states that it can't guarantee all mail ballots will be received in time to be counted. President Donald Trump, who has been sowing unfounded fears of vote-by-mail fraud for months, last week admitted blocking Postal Service funding so it would be harder to process the expected surge of millions of ballots.

LOTTERIES

Tuesday drawings

Michigan
Midday Daily 3
2-6-1
Midday Daily 4
5-0-3-9
Daily 3
9-5-2
Fantasy 5
03-04-08-26-36
Keno
01-09-14-15-23-27-33-36-40-42-43-46-51-53-55-60-61-62-67-68-70-73
Mega Millions jackpot
$40 million
Powerball jackpot
$22 million

Monday drawings

Indiana
Cash 5
06-21-28-30-36
Cash4Life
13-23-26-32-35, Cash Ball: 4
Quick Draw Midday
05-17-19-25-29-32-38-41-44-45-46-50-53-54-58-62-64-68-69-72, BE: 69
Daily Three-Midday
5-1-3, SB: 7
Daily Three-Evening
1-5-4, SB: 0
Daily Four-Midday
7-5-0-2, SB: 7
Daily Four-Evening
7-3-6-7, SB: 0
Quick Draw Evening
01-03-05-06-10-15-19-25-26-33-48-49-60-61-63-66-69-70-71-77, BE: 33

Illinois
Lotto
30-33-36-40-41-47, Extra Shot: 13
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
23-24-29-31-32
Pick Three-Midday
2-8-0, Fireball: 1
Pick Three-Evening
9-5-2, Fireball: 0
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MURAL

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street is generally one year," Hunter said. "I've got five-ton dump trucks plowing down the street every winter. It (the mural wording) will be gone by the end of winter."

Council members, however, emphasized interest in having some type of mural or artwork to signify their desire for equality and justice for the Black community.

"I clearly support Black Lives Matter, as well as all minorities," said Council Member Joe Reeser. "It should be noted that Black Lives Matter is a social movement, not a political one. But I feel we need more input from the community. Then we can vote on it."

"We're just not ready to vote on it tonight," Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Arnold said.

The council response did not deterred Crowley.

"We were simply submitting a proposal for the mural," she said on Tuesday.

"We're waiting for further input from the city and businesses."

There is support in the South Haven area for such a mural, according to Crowley, who in May organized a peaceful Black Lives Matter protest and march following the death of Minneapolis resident George Floyd. "People have stepped up. The amount of support is strong," she said.

Several local residents took time to show their support during the meeting on Monday.

"I think it (a mural) would be a great welcoming gesture for the community to send," said David Veenstra.

Wendi Onuki commented that if a mural isn't agreed upon, the city should show support for the Black community in some way.

Crowley said she already is incorporating some of the council's concerns and suggestions into her proposal. For one, she said, the mural will not resemble ones that people have become familiar with seeing on city streets throughout America.

"It will not just be 'Black Lives Matter' painted in yellow," she said. "It's going to be a piece of art."

To that end, the mural may not even be painted on a street.

"We don't want it trafficked over," she said, mentioning the possibility of a billboard or mural on the side of a building.

"We may spend the rest of the year just planning it," Crowley said. "We want it to look nice when it's finished."

HEARING

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Township Police Officer John Hopkins read her her rights and began questioning her. Hopkins testified Tuesday that she at first denied any involvement, but then said she had written herself an extra paycheck "a few times" when she was having financial difficulties.

An initial investigation revealed that 186 checks totaling $118,869 had been allegedly forged. But Nitz and Braddock testified that they have since found more.

Branum began working for Arrowhead Vineyard in November 2018. As office manager, she took care of all office functions, including computer functions and payroll.

According to a police report, the first check in question was dated Nov. 10, 2018, while the final one was dated Jan. 31, 2020.

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Trump campaign's Russia contacts 'grave' threat, Senate says

By ERIC TUCKER and MARY CLARE JALONICK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump campaign's interactions with Russian intelligence services during the 2016 presidential election posed a "grave" counterintelligence threat, a Senate panel concluded Tuesday as it detailed how associates of Donald Trump had regular contact with Russians and expected to benefit from the Kremlin's help.

The nearly 1,000-page report, the fifth and final one from the Republican-led Senate intelligence committee on the Russia investigation, details how Russia launched an aggressive effort to interfere in the election on Trump's behalf. It says the Trump campaign chairman had regular contact with a Russian intelligence officer and says other Trump associates were eager to exploit the Kremlin's aid, particularly by maximizing the impact of the disclosure of Democratic emails hacked by Russian intelligence officers.

The report is the culmination of a bipartisan probe that produced what the committee called "the most comprehensive description to date of Russia's activities and the threat they posed." The investigation spanned more than three years as the panel's leaders said they wanted to thoroughly document the unprecedented attack on U.S. elections.

The findings, including unflinching characterizations of furtive interactions between Trump associates and Russian operatives, echo to a large degree those of special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation and appear to repudiate the Republican president's claims that the FBI had no basis to investigate whether his campaign was conspiring with Russia.

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Panel selected to search for SH city manager

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — With applications starting to trickle in to fill the city manager position, officials are taking the next step in the hiring process by selecting a committee to interview candidates.

The search for a manager to replace Brian Dissette, who left his position to become Berrien County administrator, began in July. With the application deadline approaching, the city council approved the selection of an interview panel, consisting of community leaders and the mayor to sift through applications and select candidates to be interviewed.

"We've posted the position with regional publications, the Michigan Municipal League and 30 different colleges," said city Human Resources Director Kim Wise, who is overseeing the search process. "We expect to see a sizable number of applicants. Currently we have nine."

City council members on Monday selected the following to serve on the panel: Eddie Polk, a senior technical instructor for Entergy Nuclear Operations Inc., who lives in South Haven; Stephanie Timmer, South Haven resident who is vice president of the Western Market at Sturgis Bank & Trust Co. in South Haven; Bob Straits, a South Haven resident who retired as the administrator and director of the W.E. Upton Institute for Employment Research; Ross Stein, South Haven Township supervisor and chairman of the South Haven Area Recreational Authority; and Mayor Scott Smith.

The interview panel members were chosen from a list of nominees provided by the search committee, according to Wise.

Council member Steve Schlack questioned why the search committee wanted to limit the interview panel to five people.

"If you have more than five, it can be too cumbersome," Wise said.

Now that the panel has been appointed it will look through applications, select candidates and then conduct the first round of interviews in September. A second round of interviews will take place in late September, with the goal of selecting finalists who will be interviewed by the city council.

"Both rounds of interviews will be in a public setting," Wise said. The finalists interviews will also be conducted in public.

The search committee hopes that a new city manager will be hired by the end of October.

One person who has expressed interest in the job is Interim City Manager Kate Hosier, according to Mayor Smith.

MILESTONE COMMEMORATED

ABOVE: Dozens of people walk along the bluff in downtown St. Joseph on Tuesday night to mark the centennial of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, which granted women across the U.S. the right to vote. **RIGHT:** Judy Roess, of St. Joseph, holds a sign Tuesday during a commemoration of the constitutional amendment that gave U.S. women the right to vote. **BELOW:** Women light sparklers along the bluff in downtown St. Joseph Tuesday at an event marking the centennial of woman gaining the right to vote.
Photos by Don Campbell / HP staff

Pair plans march to protest human trafficking

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Danielle Handy of Berrien Springs said she wants to do more than share a hashtag on social media to protect children from human trafficking.

So she and a friend, Lauran Tio of Stevensville, decided to sponsor a Save Our Children protest, which will start at 1 p.m. Sunday by the stairs on the bluff in downtown St. Joseph. She said they plan to march around the downtown area before ending back where they started.

"We want to spread awareness and to let people know the warning signs to look for," Handy said.

Tio said that she has three young children and can't imagine what she would do if they were sexually exploited by an adult.

"I feel like these kids need a voice," she said. "They depend on adults, they depend on their family to be there for them and help them."

But many times, she said it is family members or people close to families who are doing the assaulting. And schools being closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic isn't helping.

"A lot of times, kids depend on the school to help be their voice as well – the teachers, the social workers, even the bus drivers," she said. "When these kids aren't going to school, these people aren't seeing them every day like they normally would be."

More information can be found on their Facebook event page – Save Our Children protest.

Tio said people should wear face masks and bring signs with nonpolitical messages.

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Trial set in alleged murder-for-hire case

Case being heard by judge from Kalamazoo

By JULIE SWIDWA
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KALAMAZOO — A trial date has been set for a woman accused of hiring a hitman to kill her ex-husband's girlfriend.

Kalamazoo Ninth Circuit Court Judge Pamela Lightvoet, during a status conference conducted by video on Tuesday, scheduled a trial for Alana Gonzalez to begin Nov. 4. The case is being heard by the Kalamazoo judge because Alana Gonzalez is the ex-wife of Elvin Gonzalez, Berrien County Trial Court Family Division administrator, and all Berrien County judges recused themselves from the case.

Meanwhile, plea negotiations will continue between Berrien Assistant Prosecutor Kate Arnold and Edwin Johnson, lawyer for Alana Gonzalez.

She is charged with solicitation of murder and faces up to life in prison if convicted as charged.

It is alleged that Gonzalez, 58, of Berrien Springs, hired Quacy Roberts of Benton Harbor to kill Bonita Levi, the girlfriend of Elvin Gonzalez.

According to court records, Roberts was to be paid $5,000 to kill Levi, and had received incremental payments between Jan. 23 and Feb. 24 at a location in Benton Township. The murder, by shooting, was to have occurred on March 27 in St. Joseph. At some point, Roberts went to police and another man informed Levi of the alleged plot, according to court records.

Roberts has not been charged in the case. Berrien County Prosecutor Michael Sepic said that based on him coming forward to police, prosecutors believe he had no intention of carrying out the alleged plot.

At a preliminary hearing conducted by Zoom in April, Judge Lightvoet set bond at $75,000 cash or surety, which has since been posted. Gonzalez was released from the Berrien County jail on tether and, as a condition of bond, ordered to not set foot outside her apartment in Berrien Springs.

On Tuesday, the judge amended the bond condition after hearing a motion filed by Johnson on behalf of Gonzalez, asking that she be allowed to leave her apartment to go to her parents' apartment in the same complex.

Johnson said her parents are in their 90s, have no in-home care, and need her help at times. Their apartment is below Gonzalez's second floor apartment at the complex in Berrien Springs, he said.

Arnold objected to the motion to amend the bond conditions.

"We believe it is appropriate as is, with the 24/7 curfew," Arnold said. "We think she's trying to push the boundaries and circumvent the system."

In granting the bond modification, the judge reminded Gonzalez that it allows her to go back and forth between her apartment and her parents', and nowhere else.

A settlement conference to see if a plea deal can be reached in the case was set for Oct. 8 in Kalamazoo. If the case goes on to trial, it will be heard in Berrien County by the judge from Kalamazoo.

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Community discussion about migrant children planned

By LOUISE WREGE
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Migrant workers are essential to agriculture and the general economy in Southwest Michigan, said the Rev. Sid Mohn, director of Interfaith Action of Southwest Michigan.

That's why he said understanding the problems migrant workers and their families face in America is important. His organization is hosting a community discussion on Valeria Luiselli's book, "Tell Me How It Ends," at 6 p.m. Sept. 15. People can join the Zoom discussion at https://bit.ly/3iTxfSC. More information can be found on the Facebook page: Interfaith Action – SW Michigan Peace & Justice Collaborative.

Mohn said that Luiselli interviewed unaccompanied Mexican and Central American children arriving at the U.S.-Mexico border and asked them 40 questions about their hopes and dreams.

"The questions also focus on the dangers faced by the children during their travels to the U.S.," he said.

The book is available through local libraries.

Mohn said that agriculture is the second largest industry in Michigan, with Van Buren County having the third highest number of migrant workers, an estimated 12,000, in the state. Berrien County typically has the fourth highest number of migrant workers – about 6,000.

In addition, he said many migrant families have settled permanently in Southwest Michigan, adding to region's rich diversity.

"The book gives us insight into our migrant neighbors and the dreams that continue to guide them," he said.

The Rev. Jeffrey Dick, pastor of First Congregational UCC Church of South Haven, said in a news release that it's important for people of faith to better understand the realities faced by immigrant communities.

"Building understanding and connections is core to who we are," he said.

The book discussion will be led by Tatiana Reinoza, a resident of Stevensville and assistant professor of Latinx art in the Department of Art, Art History & Design at the University of Notre Dame.

Reinoza is a member of the Board of Directors of Interfaith Action and is active in the No Longer a Stranger Working Group of Interfaith Action, which addresses the intersection of faith and migration-justice.

Interfaith Action of Southwest Michigan is a collaborative of 40 faith communities. It works to apply faith commitments to contemporary issues of peace and justice.

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IN BRIEF

Berrien County records another COVID-19 death

Berrien County recorded another COVID-19 death Tuesday, bringing the county's pandemic death toll to 69.

In addition, the county recorded six new COVID-19 cases and 13 new recoveries.

With deaths and recoveries, the county is at about 103 active COVID-19 cases, down from 111 on Monday and up from 87 last Tuesday.

Spectrum Health Lakeland was treating eight COVID-19 patients as of Tuesday morning, up from six on Monday and down from 12 last Tuesday.

Van Buren County recorded five new COVID-19 cases on Tuesday.

Cass County recorded six new cases Tuesday. Neither county recorded a new death.

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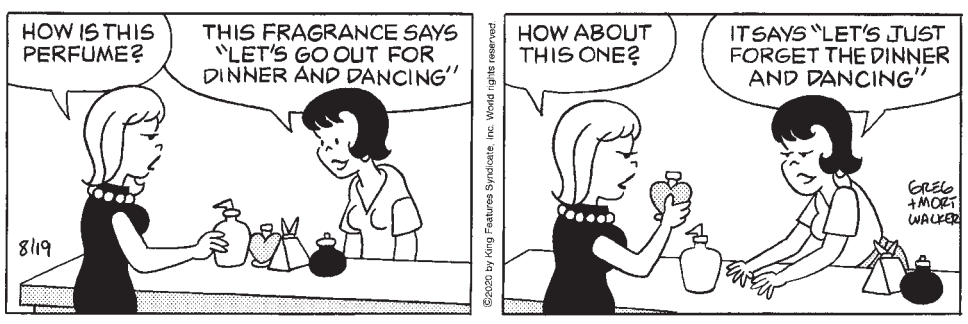
HOW IS THIS PERFUME?
THIS FRAGRANCE SAYS "LET'S GO OUT FOR DINNER AND DANCING"
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HOW ABOUT THIS ONE?
IT SAYS "LET'S JUST FORGET THE DINNER AND DANCING"
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BLONDIE

I WANT TO BECOME A SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCER!
WHAT IS THAT?
I INFLUENCE FRIENDS TO BUY CERTAIN BRANDS JUST BECAUSE I DO!
WOW, WHEN DID ALL THIS START?
8-19
BECAUSE I'VE ALWAYS HAD A GOOD SOCIAL INFLUENCER MYSELF
ISN'T THIS NEW OUTFIT FABULOUS!?
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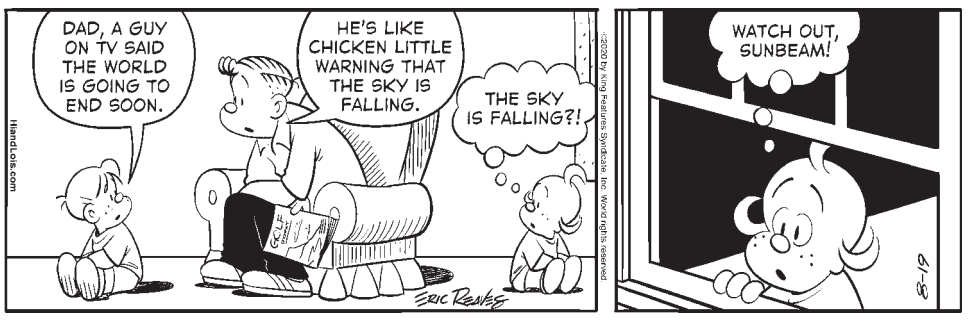
DAD, A GUY ON TV SAID THE WORLD IS GOING TO END SOON.
HE'S LIKE CHICKEN LITTLE WARNING THAT THE SKY IS FALLING.
THE SKY IS FALLING?!
ERIC REYNOLDS
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WATCH OUT, SUNBEAM!
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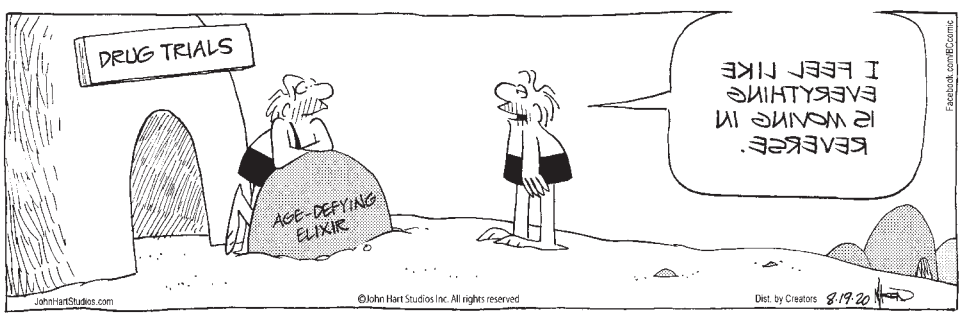

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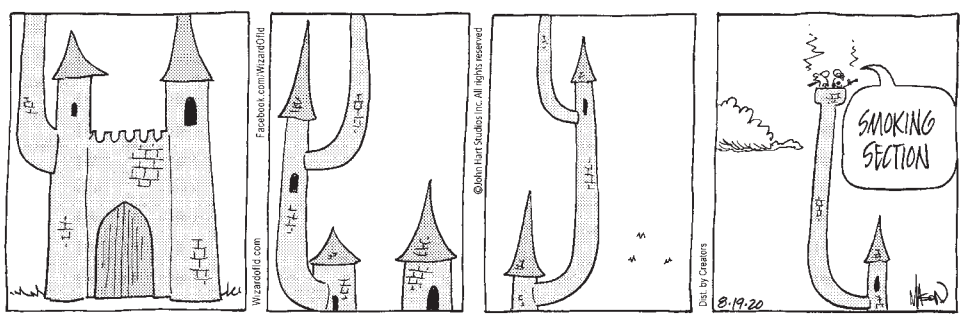

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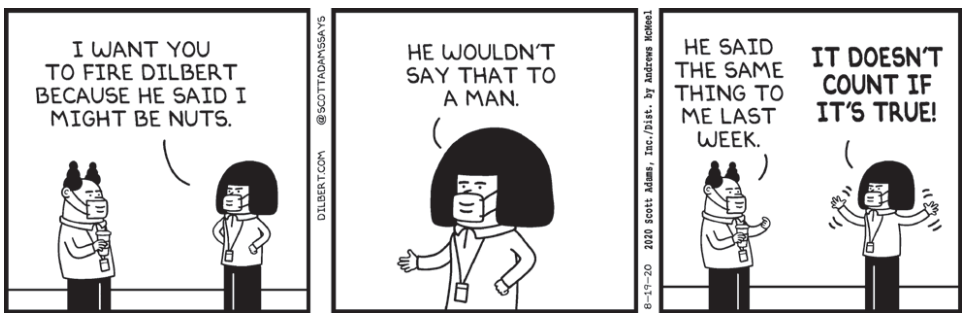
I WANT YOU TO FIRE DILBERT BECAUSE HE SAID I MIGHT BE NUTS.
DILBERT.COM @SCOTTADAMSSAYS
HE WOULDN'T SAY THAT TO A MAN.
HE SAID THE SAME THING TO ME LAST WEEK.
IT DOESN'T COUNT IF IT'S TRUE!
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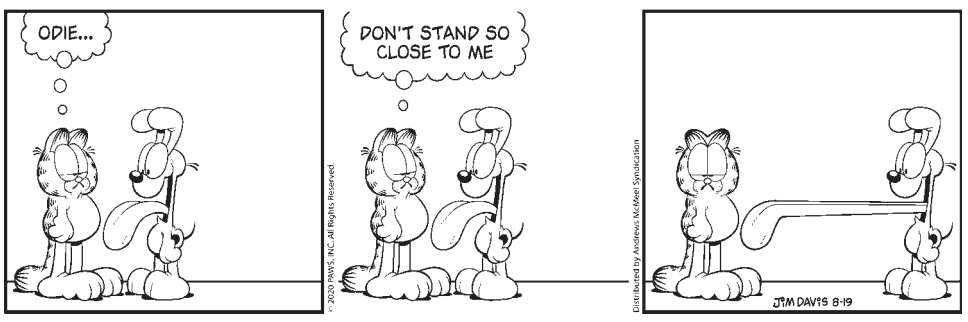
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DON'T STAND SO CLOSE TO ME
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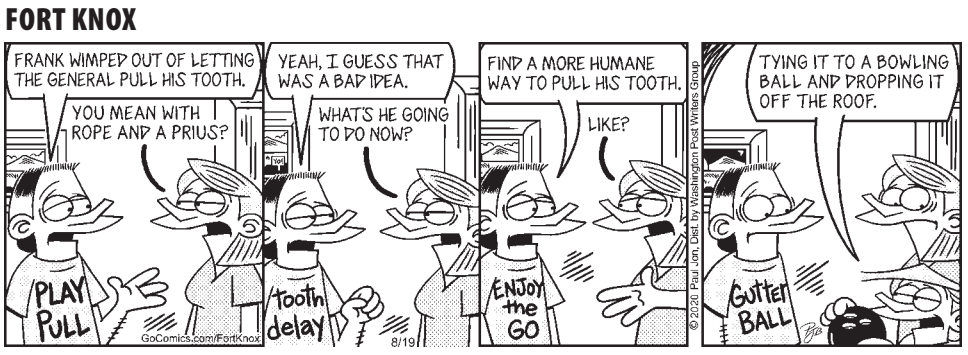
FRANK WIMPED OUT OF LETTING THE GENERAL PULL HIS TOOTH.
YOU MEAN WITH ROPE AND A PRIUS?
PLAY PULL
YEAH, I GUESS THAT WAS A BAD IDEA.
WHAT'S HE GOING TO DO NOW?
Tooth delay
FIND A MORE HUMANE WAY TO PULL HIS TOOTH.
LIKE?
ENJOY the GO
TYING IT TO A BOWLING BALL AND DROPPING IT OFF THE ROOF.
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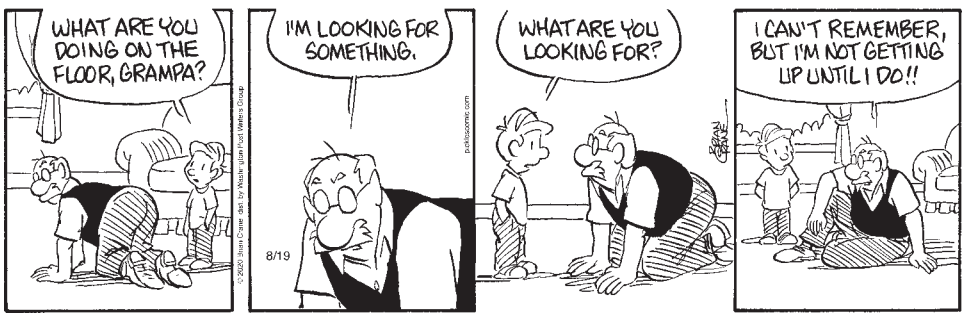
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON THE FLOOR, GRAMPA?
I'M LOOKING FOR SOMETHING.
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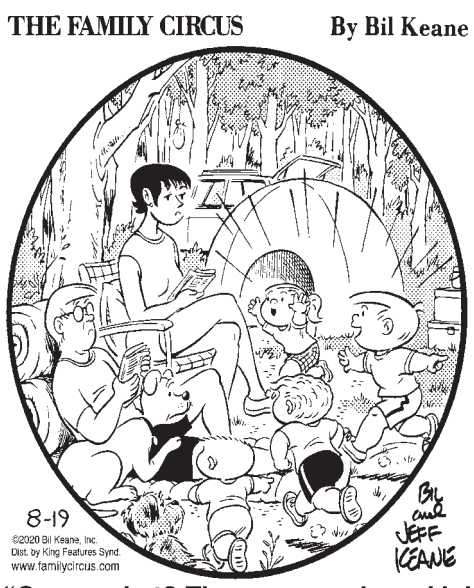
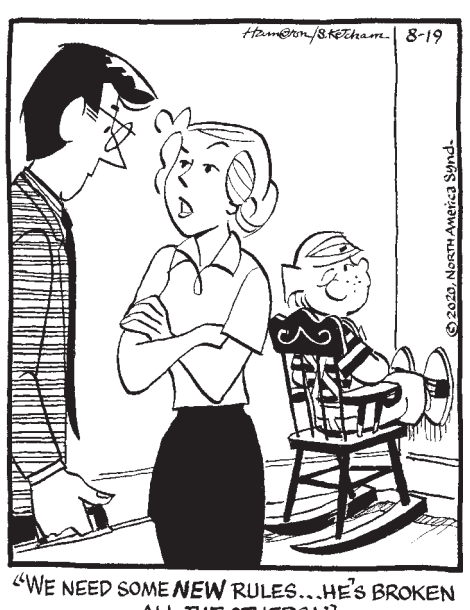
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?
I CAN'T REMEMBER, BUT I'M NOT GETTING UP UNTIL I DO!!

FAMILY CIRCUS



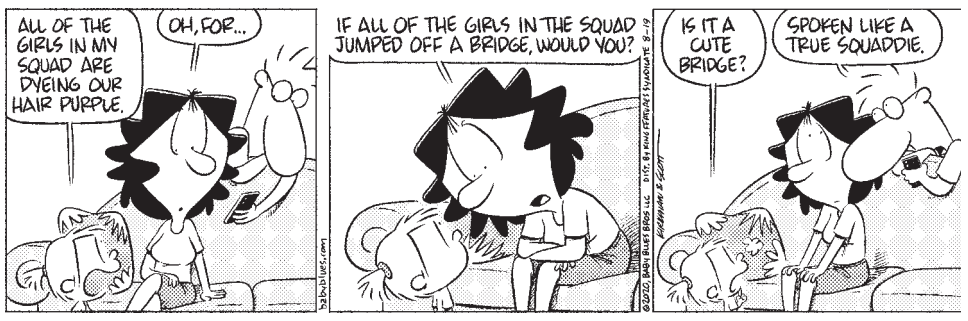
"Guess what? The new people makin' camp next to us are unloading three motorcycles!"

DENNIS THE MENACE



"WE NEED SOME NEW RULES...HE'S BROKEN ALL THE OTHERS!"

BABY BLUES


ALL OF THE GIRLS IN MY SQUAD ARE DYEING OUR HAIR PURPLE.
OH, FOR...
IF ALL OF THE GIRLS IN THE SQUAD JUMPED OFF A BRIDGE, WOULD YOU?
IS IT A CUTE BRIDGE?
SPOKEN LIKE A TRUE SQUADDIE.
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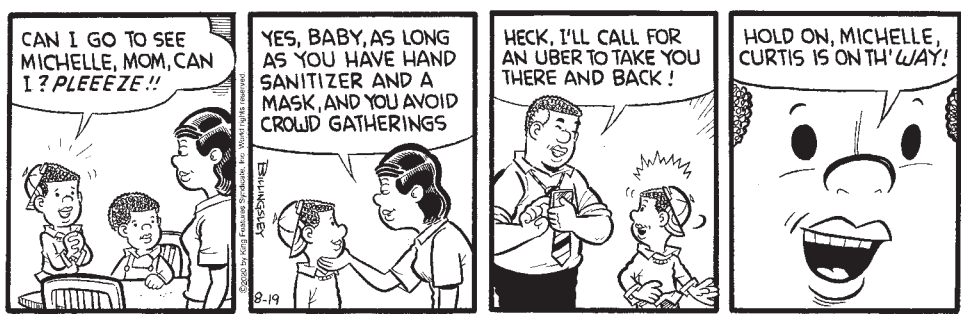
CURTIS


CAN I GO TO SEE MICHELLE, MOM, CAN I? PLEEEZE!!
YES, BABY, AS LONG AS YOU HAVE HAND SANITIZER AND A MASK, AND YOU AVOID CROWD GATHERINGS
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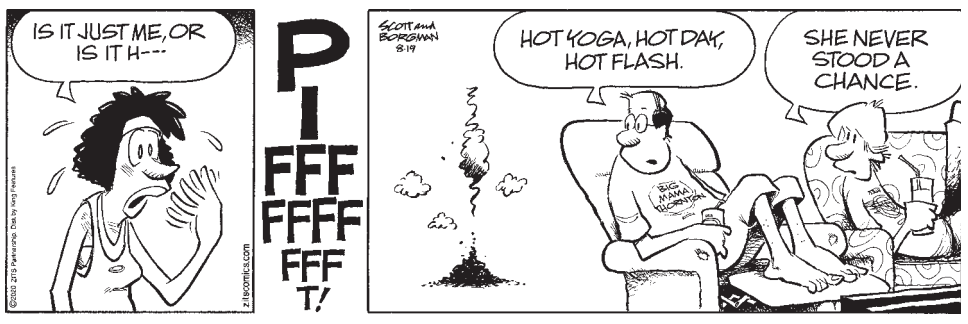
HECK, I'LL CALL FOR AN UBER TO TAKE YOU THERE AND BACK!
HOLD ON, MICHELLE, CURTIS IS ON TH' WAY!

ZITS


IS IT JUST ME, OR IS IT H---
PIFFFFFFFT!
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HOT YOGA, HOT DAY, HOT FLASH.
SHE NEVER STOOD A CHANCE.
BIG MAMA NORTON
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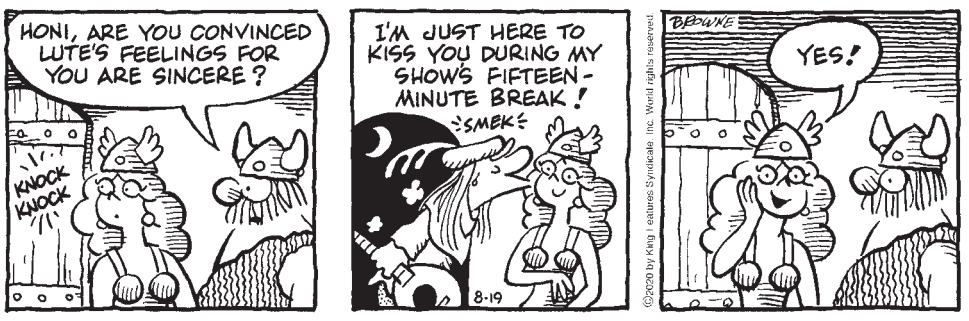
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE


HONI, ARE YOU CONVINCED LUTE'S FEELINGS FOR YOU ARE SINCERE?
KNOCK KNOCK
I'M JUST HERE TO KISS YOU DURING MY SHOW'S FIFTEEN-MINUTE BREAK!
SMEK
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YES!

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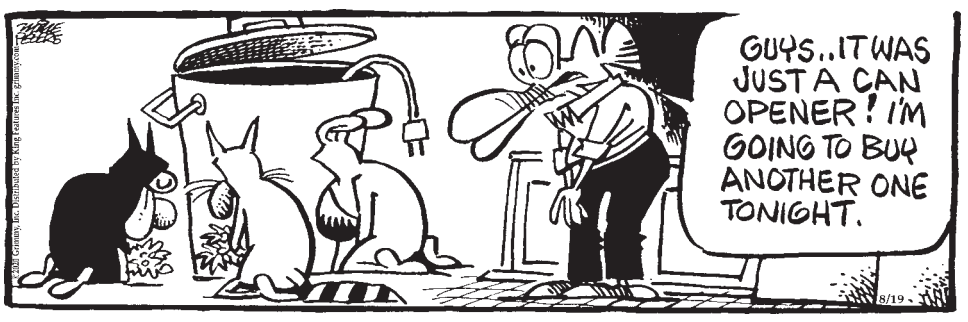
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GUYS..IT WAS JUST A CAN OPENER! I'M GOING TO BUY ANOTHER ONE TONIGHT.
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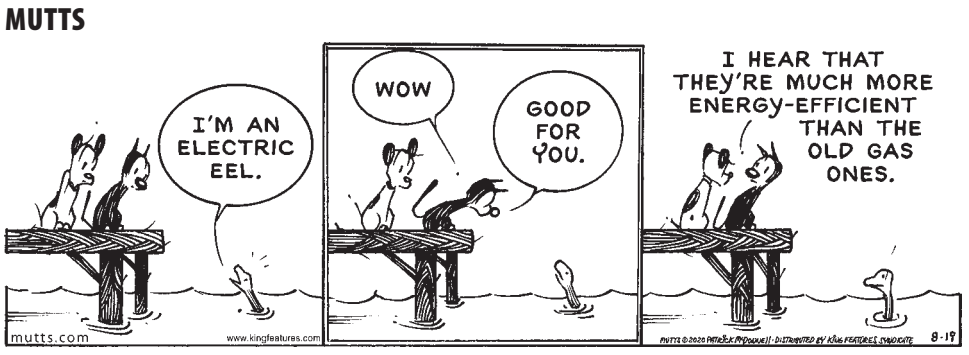

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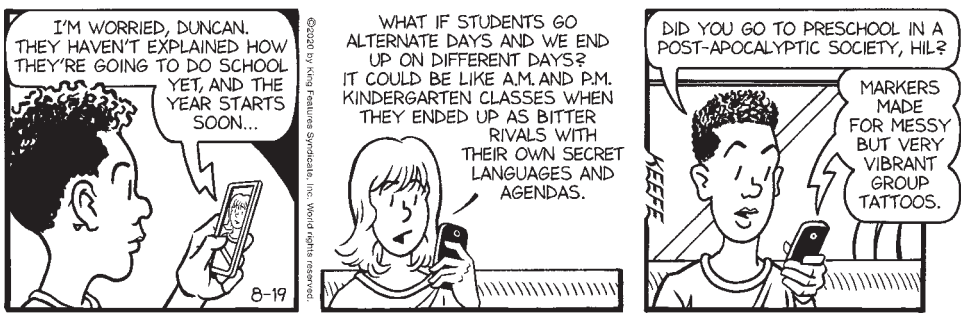
I'M WORRIED, DUNCAN. THEY HAVEN'T EXPLAINED HOW THEY'RE GOING TO DO SCHOOL YET, AND THE YEAR STARTS SOON...
8-19
WHAT IF STUDENTS GO ALTERNATE DAYS AND WE END UP ON DIFFERENT DAYS? IT COULD BE LIKE A.M. AND P.M. KINDERGARTEN CLASSES WHEN THEY ENDED UP AS BITTER RIVALS WITH THEIR OWN SECRET LANGUAGES AND AGENDAS.
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DID YOU GO TO PRESCHOOL IN A POST-APOCALYPTIC SOCIETY, HIL?
MARKERS MADE FOR MESSY BUT VERY VIBRANT GROUP TATTOOS.
KEEFE

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WEDNESDAY EVENING AUG. 19

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	United We Fall	The Goldbergs	The Conners	Housewife	The Democratic National Convention	
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	Big Brother (N) CC		Tough as Nails "Trust Your Gear"		2020-Democratic Convention	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	America's Got Talent "Results Show 2" (N)		:01 Ellen's Game of Games CC		2020 Democratic Convention (N) (L)	
FOX 17 222 28 32	Modern Family	MasterChef Team challenge at Irwindale Speedway. CC (DVS)				Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Outdoor Elements	PBS NewsHour Convention Coverage "Democratic National Convention" Coverage of the Democratic Convention. (N) (L) CC					
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	The 100 "The Stranger" (N) CC		Coroner "Scattered" (N)		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Chicago P.D. "The Number of Rats"		Dateline "Friends Until Death"		Dateline A new class of synthetic drugs.	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	The 100 "The Stranger" (N) CC		Coroner "Scattered" (N)		2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland Amy helps her sister.		Highway to Heaven "The Good Doctor"		Nightly News	
WGN 9	News	black-ish CC	black-ish CC	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	:00 The First 48	The First 48 "Standing Ground" CC		The First 48 "End of the Road" CC		First 48: Case-Haunts Me	
AMC	★★ Fast & Furious	I, Robot ('04) ★★ Will Smith. A homicide detective tracks a dangerous robot in 2035. CC					Demolition Man
Animal	Lone Star	Lone Star Law: Uncuffed (N)				North Wo. Law	
BET	6:00 ★★★ Training Day			Ruff Ryders		Ruff Ryders	
Big Ten	Michigan	Penn State		Ohio State		Northwestern	
Bravo	Housewives	Real Housewives/ Beverly		Real Housewives/ Beverly		The Real Housewives of Potomac	
Cartoon	We Bare	Burgers	Burgers	American	American	Rick	Rick
Cinemax	6:20 Greta	★★ The Last Exorcism ('10, Horror) Patrick Fabian. CC			★ Hellboy ('19) David Harbour, Milla Jovovich. CC		
CMT	Last Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNBC	Shark	Shark Tank		Shark Tank CC		Shark Tank	
CNN	OutFront	Convention		2020: Democratic National Convention			
Comedy	:00 South Park		South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Corporate
Discovery	Expedition	Expedition Unknown (N) CC		Dodgeball Thunderdome "Episode 1"		Growing Belushi (Series (P)) (N)	
Disney	Big City	Big City	Amphibia	Owl Hse.	Gabby	Bunk'd	Bunk'd
DIY	Barnwood	Restored CC		Restored (N) CC		Restored CC	
E!	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley
ESPN	MLB Baseball Washington Nationals at Atlanta Braves.					MLB Baseball	
ESPN2	:00 30 for 30			ESPN Documentaries		NFL Live CC	
ESPNC	Baseball	MLB Baseball From Oct. 6, 1978.				MLB Baseball	
Food	Grocery	Guy's Games		Guy's Games		Guy's Games	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		Fox News	
Fox Sports	Tigers Lv.	MLB Baseball Detroit Tigers at Chicago White Sox. (N) (L)					
Freefrm	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons
FX	Happy Death	★★★ Get Out ('17) Daniel Kaluuya. A man uncovers a dark secret about his girlfriend's parents. CC					Get Out ('17)
Golf	PGA	Golf The Northern Trust, Charity Event.				Golf The Northern	
Hallmark	Sailing Into Love	The Perfect Bride: Wedding Bells ('18) Pascale Hutton, Kavan Smith. CC				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	5:35 Aquaman	Lovecraft Country "Sundown" CC		:15 ★★ Anna ('19, Action) Sasha Luss, Luke Evans, Cillian Murphy. CC			
History	Forged	Forged in Fire		Forged in Fire (N)		:03 Forged in Fire	
HGTV	Renovtn.	Home Town (N)		Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters
Learning	My 600-	My 600-Lb. Life		My 600-Lb. Life		My 600-Lb. Life	
Lifetime	Married-Sight	Married at First Sight "I See Red Flags" Couples enjoy last days of honeymoon. (N)				:03 Marrying Millions "Daddy Issues" (N)	
MSNBC	Decision	Democratic National		Democratic National Convention			
MTV	Catfish	Catfish: The TV		True Life: Quarantine		Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Pregame	MLB Baseball Detroit Tigers at Chicago White Sox. (N) CC					
NFL	:00 NFL Total Access (N) CC			Great 8:	NFL Total Access		Great 8:
Nick	Sponge.	Sponge.	Sponge.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
NGEO	To Catch	To Catch a Smuggler		To Catch a Smuggler		Tijuana Drug Lords	
Oxygen	:00 Cold Justice	Cold Justice CC		Cold Justice CC		Dateline: Secrets Uncovered CC	
Parmt	Two Men	★★★ Dunkirk ('17, War) Fionn Whitehead. CC					12 Strong
Showtime	6:30 ★★★ Minority Report ('02) Tom Cruise. CC			★★★ Ex Machina ('15, Science Fiction) Domhnall Gleeson, Oscar Isaac. CC			
Starz	★★ Men in Black II	★★ Bad Boys for Life ('20, Action) Will Smith, Martin Lawrence. CC				:06 ★ Miss Bala ('19) CC	
STZENC	:27 ★★★ Taken ('08, Action) Liam Neeson. CC			★ Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance ('11) Nicolas Cage.			Maid-Manhatt.
SyFy	5:45 ★ Gods of Egypt ('16) CC		★★★ The Bourne Identity ('02) Matt Damon. An amnesiac agent is marked for death after a botched hit.				
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal
TCM	More-Miracle	Ramona ('28) Dolores del Río, Warner Baxter. (P).				:45 ★★ Bird of Paradise ('32) Dolores del Río. CC	
TMC	6:15 Carrie	★★ Outbreak ('95) Dustin Hoffman. Army doctor fights spread of deadly virus.				:10 ★★ Mile 22 ('18, Action) CC	
TNT	NBA Basketball			NBA Basketball			
Travel	Paranorm.	Paranormal Ca.		Paranormal Caught on Camera (N) CC			
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	:00 NCIS	WWE NXT (N) (L) CC				★ Rush Hour 3 ('07) Jackie Chan.	
VH1	Get Rich	★★★ Friday ('95) Ice Cube. CC				Next Friday	
WGN-A	Married ... With	Married ... With	Married ... With	Married ... With	Married ... With	Married ... With	Married ... With

Asymptomatic carriers can still spread COVID-19

Hello again, dear readers, and welcome to part two of our monthly letters column. We received so many letters last month that we needed a bit of additional real estate to get to the most popular topics.

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors

■ Regarding the novel coronavirus, we have had several questions about asymptomatic carriers. These are people who, although infected with the virus, have no symptoms of COVID-19, the illness that it causes. "Can you be infected with the virus and not be sick?" a reader asked. "If you don't have symptoms, can you still get other people sick?" The answer to both questions is yes. Some people can become infected with the novel coronavirus and not experience any symptoms. However, because the virus is replicating within their bodies, they are able to unknowingly transmit it. That's why, as we've discussed here before, it's so important for us all to wear a facial covering while in public. The virus is broadcast via the tiny droplets of moisture we emit whenever we cough, sneeze, laugh and speak. By wearing a mask, a portion of those droplets are blocked, which protects the people around us.

■ Speaking of masks, a reader asked about whether a mask protects him as well as those around him. "If you've got your face covered, won't that keep the virus away from you, even a little bit?" he asked. "I'm not a scientist, but it just seems like common sense." The virus, along with the aerosols that carry it, are both so minute that it takes a specially formulated respirator mask to completely block them. These types of masks are in very short supply and are reserved solely for medical settings. Interestingly, a new study from the University of California, San Francisco suggests that tightly woven cloth face masks may – and the key word here is "may" – offer a small measure of protection to the wearer as well. Until there is more evidence, though, assume that your mask protects others but not yourself. Remain vigilant about social distancing and hand-washing.

■ A reader who walks her dog every day wonders if her pet puts her at risk. "I'm careful about what I touch, but my dog is 'barefoot' on the sidewalk and sniffs everything," she wrote. "Can you get the coronavirus from your dog?" The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has good news for you. And we quote: "Currently, there is no evidence that SARS-CoV-2 can spread to people from the skin or fur of companion animals."

■ We offer a thank-you to a reader from California who wrote in regarding a recent column about lumbar spinal stenosis. It's a narrowing of the spinal column in the lower back that results in compression of the nerves. We talked about a minimally invasive surgery that uses a small implanted device to act as a lift, and thus create additional space within the spinal column. Our reader pointed out that this type of surgery is known as "minimally invasive indirect decompression" rather than "minimally invasive lumbar decompression." We appreciate the correction.

Thank you again for all of your mail. We look forward to seeing you here soon for our regular letters column.

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My brother and sister-in-law failed to tell my niece she's not their biological child

DEAR CAROLYN: Both my brother and his wife were unable to have children, so they conceived in vitro using both a donated sperm and egg, though my sister-in-law carried my niece and gave birth to her. She is now a young teenager.

Carolyn Hax

My niece has no idea she is not biologically related to any of us. They had originally planned to tell her when she was 8, but through the years my brother and sister-in-law have had serious problems, from alcohol abuse to medical issues, so the issue of telling my niece was left alone.

There are many people who know, including friends, family, co-workers, etc. My best estimate is 50. I know it's not my place to tell her, but I am afraid she will find out and become distraught or develop horrible feelings of betrayal. She already has fought serious emotional issues due to her parents' actions, and I'm not sure how well she will handle it, even coming from her parents.

My brother has been sober for a year, but they can't come up with a plan to tell her, and the longer they wait the more hesitant they become. I'm not sure what I can do, but it makes me anxious. Even my children are asking when their cousin will be told. Any advice? – Nervous Aunt

NERVOUS AUNT: Alienation, secrets, adolescence, alcohol – it could be the setup for a "What could possibly go wrong?" joke if it weren't so achingly real.

But here's the thing. Everything wrong with this scenario has already happened. Your niece is old enough and has been for a while to know a secret about herself that everyone knows but her. Everyone.

So it's already too late.

So the main risk in your not intervening is that she will find out ... too late-er?

It will be worse if she finds out from someone other than her parents, yes. But this is common knowledge, meaning the parents most certainly have it. Frustrating, but boundaries often are.

And while the magnitude of her potential sense of betrayal likely also grows with each passing year she goes untold – and the more years she has to look back upon as fraudulent when she finally finds out – that's also information already at your brother's and his wife's disposal.

Plus, any improvement in the outcome from her finding out next week instead of next year would be, arguably, marginal at this point.

So please try to do the one thing that likely seems hardest right now: Let go. Lean hard on the reality that it's not your household, not your secret, not your child. Counsel your children accordingly: "I know it's heavy to know this. But it's their family's business. Our only job is to love her and stay out of it."

Except for this: *Any and every* time your brother brings it up to you – ergo, invites comment – urge them to consult with a therapist and get this done. A session or three. They can get names from their (or any local) fertility clinic. It's all the "plan" they need.

If your niece is angry at all of you upon finding out, own it: "I love you and I'm sorry I let you down." I, not we – times 50, I hope.

Email Carolyn at tellme@washpost.com, follow her on Facebook at www.facebook.com/carolyn.hax or chat with her online at noon each Friday at www.washingtonpost.com.

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50 Undershirt
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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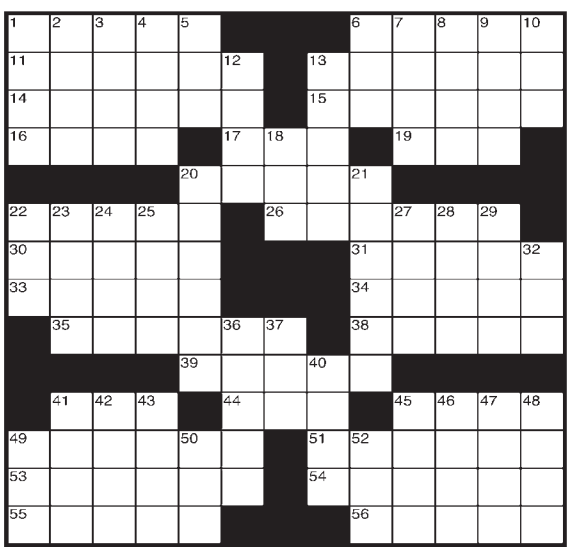

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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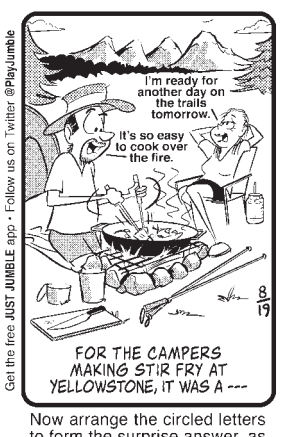
RODWL

NIKEOV

SNAOLM


I'm ready for another day on the trails tomorrow.
It's so easy to cook over the fire.
FOR THE CAMPERS MAKING STIR FRY AT YELLOWSTONE, IT WAS A ---

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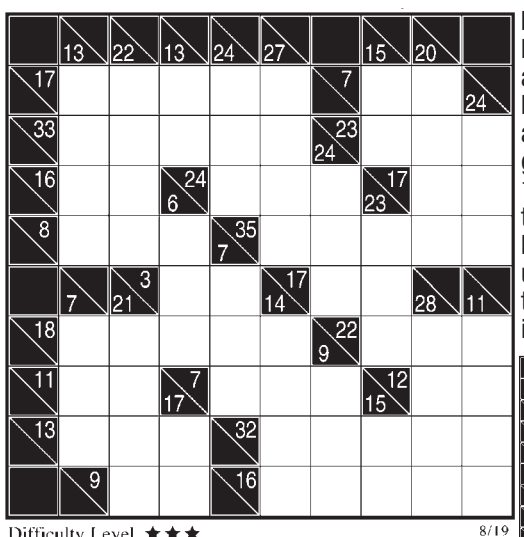
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

" ○○○○ " ○○ THE ○○○○○

(Answers tomorrow)

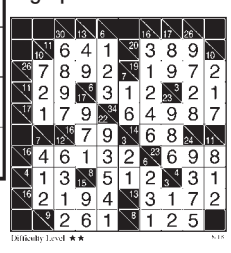
Yesterday's Jumbles: EJECT MOOSE DRIVEL GYRATE
Answer: Some hot weather in the summer is nice, but only — TO A DEGREE

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★ 8/19

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



Difficulty Level ★★ 8/19

BRIDGE

One needs to be doubly careful in this life. Today's contract requires accurate timing by declarer. So, I searched for a quotation with that key word in it, finding this from Agesilaus II: "It is circumstance and proper timing that give an action its character and make it either good or bad."

Agesilaus II lived from circa 440 to 360 B.C., was one of the most brilliant soldiers of his era and was the King of Sparta from 399 until his death.

In this four-spade contract, how should South plan the play? West obligingly leads a low diamond: nine, queen, king.

North's two-diamond cue-bid showed a maximum pass with spade support – the so-called cue-bid raise. South bid what he hoped he could make.

This was board three of the Women's Team Olympiad final in 1988, which was held in Venice, Italy. Declarer started with nine winners: six spades and three diamonds. She needed to establish a heart winner but was threatened with losing one heart and three clubs.

The British declarer immediately drew two rounds of trumps – bad. Then she tried a heart to dummy's nine. However, East, Dorthe Schaltz from Denmark, won with the ace and correctly shifted to the club four. Three club tricks later, the contract was down one.

Bettina Kalkerup displayed the correct timing. She drew only one round of trumps – good. Then she played a diamond to dummy's ace, returned to hand with a trump and cashed the diamond jack, discarding a club from the dummy. Now she lost only one heart and two clubs, and Denmark gained 12 international match points en route to victory by 21.

North 08-19-20
♠ 8 6 2
♥ K J 10 9 3
♦ A 9
♣ Q 3 2

West
♠ 5 3
♥ Q 8 5 4 2
♦ 7 3 2
♣ K 10 8

East
♠ 10 7
♥ A 7
♦ Q 10 8 6 4
♣ A J 9 4

South
♠ A K Q J 9 4
♥ 6
♦ K J 5
♣ 7 6 5

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
	Pass	Pass	1♦
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ 2

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

6	4	3	2	8	7	9	1	5
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9	2	6	7	4	1	5	3	8
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Sharing fish tales with Flagship's Rachel Collins

Jane Ammeson

Inside Rachel Collins' cottage-like Flagship Specialty Foods & Fish Market in Lakeside is a wicked-looking metal object with spiked tines.

"What do you think this is?" she asks me when I step closer to examine it.

"Some type of pitchfork?"

"No, it's a sturgeon spear," she says. "When I was growing up, my brother and I used to go forging and fishing with the family in Winnebago, Wisconsin."

Winnebago is a small community on Lake Winnebago's western shores that's known for its sturgeon season. If you don't know much about sturgeon, and I didn't, here are some pointers to keep in mind.

The sturgeon spearing season is 16 days long, beginning around Feb. 1. Sturgeon are huge, prehistoric-looking fish, so I don't think they'd be easy to take down with a spear, but people obviously do it.

This year, on the second day of Lake Winnebago's surgeon spearing season, William Thern snagged a 142.3-pound, 80-inch sturgeon, while Andrew Dumask speared a 139.3-pound, 78.2-inch fish.

By comparison, I used to go fishing with my mom, and we'd catch sunfish, perch and bluegill while sitting on the pier with our bamboo poles. After cleaning and de-boning the fish, which luckily my mom did, the size of the fillets were about 3 or 4 inches long at the most.

Those aren't the type of fish that lend themselves to spearing, unless you're using toothpicks or a sharp fork.

Sitting on a pier under the summer sun is a lot more appealing to me than freezing on frozen Lake Winnebago. The only thing is, no one is impressed when you hook a 6-inch sunfish.

But back to Collins. The theme of fish and food has been a constant for her. Her grandfather owned Martinetti's Restaurant in Crystal Lake, Ill., where Collins grew up. She remembers helping there, beginning at a very young age.

The Winnebago fishing happened when the family gathered up north. And no, she's never speared a sturgeon, though I think she would like to.

Collins' mother, Carolyn Collins, had always been entranced by the beauty of the sacks of fish roe they found when cleaning a fish – particularly the glittery, translucent, orange eggs produced by chinook salmon.

She began making caviar. In 1983, she went from producing it for friends and family at home, to making handmade salmon and trout caviars for Chicago-area restaurants.

At the same time, Rachel, who had earned a scholarship to attend Chicago Musical College, was performing as a flutist. A musical career was not to be, however, as her mother became even more enmeshed in the world of freshwater caviar. Her mother began befriending charter boat captains, who were willing to share their fish eggs. It was no big deal because they would have thrown them away.

Jane Ammeson / HP correspondent

Rachel Collins strikes a pose with a fishing spear and a lid outside Flagship Specialty Foods & Fish Market in Lakeside.

By 1985, the mother-daughter duo was shipping freshwater caviar around the world, adding more fish eggs to their offerings, including hackleback sturgeon, paddlefish, and American golden whitefish. They were the only freshwater caviar purveyors in the country.

At one point, Rachel took time off and trained as a chef. Upon returning, she and her mother decided to move their operations from Chicago to Michigan City, Ind. Rachel was so in demand that she was flown to Belgium to teach sturgeon farmers how to make caviar.

By 2016, it was time for a change. Carolyn had mostly retired, and Rachel decided to open Flagship.

Walking into her store is like being in a fish market of old. Glass-fronted display cases showcase a variety of fresh fish and seafood as well as other items like crab cakes, gourmet cheeses, house-made smoked salmon spread, cheddar and herb biscuits, soups and sandwiches.

There's seating outside, but it's mostly just a place to make a to-go order.

I've known Rachel since she moved to Michigan City to open Collins Caviar. Since we're all supposed to eat more fish, I called to see if she would share some tips for cooking fish, as I'm rather limited, having one recipe for indoors and another for outside.

Flagship's Mediterranean Relish

2 fresh tomatoes, finely chopped
1 cucumber, peeled and finely diced
1 stalk celery, finely diced
1/2 to 1 teaspoon capers
1 small onion, peeled and finely chopped
Several basil leaves, finely chopped
Vinaigrette
Salt and pepper, to taste

Mix the vegetables and basil together. Add vinaigrette to taste. Season with salt and pepper.

Inside, I splash extra virgin olive oil in a cast iron skillet, turn on the heat, and throw in an assortment of olives. Then, I add a fillet of fish – salmon, lake or ruby trout, or whatever's on sale – and a sprinkle of Tony Chachere's Original Creole Seasoning.

Outdoors, I heat the grill as high as it'll go, lightly oil the fillet, dust Tony Chachere on both sides, toss it on the grate and close the lid. Depending on the thickness of the fillet, I cook it for about four minutes on each side, knowing that it'll continue to cook after it's removed from the heat. I don't like dry fish, and this keeps it from overcooking.

As you can imagine, Rachel is much more sophisticated than I am.

"I ordered some opah from Hawaii," she says, as she fillets a fish with opal-escent-like scales, hence its other name: moonfish.

I watch as she sprinkles salt and pepper, along with what she calls a whiff of granulated garlic, over the fillets, and then brushes a 6-to-1 canola to olive oil blend on both sides before placing it on the hot grill at a right angle.

As she does so, she explains she uses more canola oil than olive because the latter has a much lower flash point and she likes cooking this fish at high heat, thus it could burn. As for the right angle, that's important as well. First, she warns that at this stage, the fish shouldn't be flipped or touched until it looks like its starting to show signs of cooking (the opaque fish starts turning white on top). Now it's time to flip it, but at a different angle so the grill marks have a cross-hatched look.

"The cross-hatching is good for flavor," she says.

It doesn't take long to cook. When she plates it, she reaches for Flagship's Mediterranean Relish. It's a mixture of fresh tomatoes, capers, onions, basil, celery and cucumbers tossed with a vinaigrette. The vegetables are all chopped into small chunks, and the basil finely minced.

"You can do the same with halibut," she says about the more readily available fish, "but that comes in different thicknesses, so it has a different cooking time."

She hands me a fork and it flakes off easily. I take a taste. It's delicious.

One of Flagship's big sellers, Rachel tells me, is their All-American Clambake, a potful of seafood, such as shrimp, lobster tails, steamer clams, mussels, potatoes and fresh corn on the cob that comes with her house-made garlic-parsley butter.

They're like a New England clambake ready to cook. All you need to do is add water and wine, cover the pot, place on the highest burner setting and bring to a boil. They must be ordered ahead, but make for a perfect dinner on the beach.

Branzino, another fish she is going to show me how to prepare, comes whole, including head and tail. There are two of them, and they both stare up at me, their eyes still glistening, which is a good sign because it means they're fresh.

Rachel marvels at how easy fish is to obtain. The two branzino we are looking at were, not too long ago, hanging around the waters of the Mediterranean off the coast of Greece. Here they are now in Lakeside just a day later. Pretty amazing.

Rachel says she can get almost any fish anyone wants, as her vendor is exceptionally good at sourcing.

"They also call these loup de mer, or wolf of the sea," Rachel says of the branzino, "because they're predators."

They don't look very predatory right now, but then we have them at a disadvantage.

She has gutted the interior of the fish, and is filling them with thinly sliced lemons, green onions and sprigs of oregano. Taking a ball of twine, she cuts off lengths and deftly ties each fish tightly around its belly, so the stuffing stays in.

These I will take home and cook myself after being given directions on how hot the grill should be and how long to cook them. She would cook them, she says, but the phone is ringing constantly with people calling in orders. She's needed in the kitchen.

Getting home, the first thing I do after unwrapping the heavy paper they're wrapped in, is to lop off their heads and tails. I know you're supposed to serve them whole, but I really don't like them looking at me.

Just as Rachel says, they don't take long to grill, and it's easy to tell when they're ready as the white meat is fork tender. The taste is sweet, and the lemon, onion and oregano add a nice fresh flavor. Another plus, they are low in calories.

Before I left the store, I ask Rachel if I could snap some photos of her. She picks up the trident – I mean, sturgeon spear – and a garbage can lid and poses as though she's a Viking queen.

Even after a long day, she still has time for fun. While I'm snapping away, I ask her why she decided to open a seafood place in this spot.

"I've lived here for a long time, and every time I drove along Red Arrow, I thought, 'We really needed a fish market,'" she says. "Since no one else opened one, I decided to go ahead and do it."

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CFCN opens new substance use treatment program

CASSOPOLIS — To celebrate National Health Center Week last week, Cassopolis Family Clinic Network announced the opening of its substance use treatment program at Niles Community Health Center.

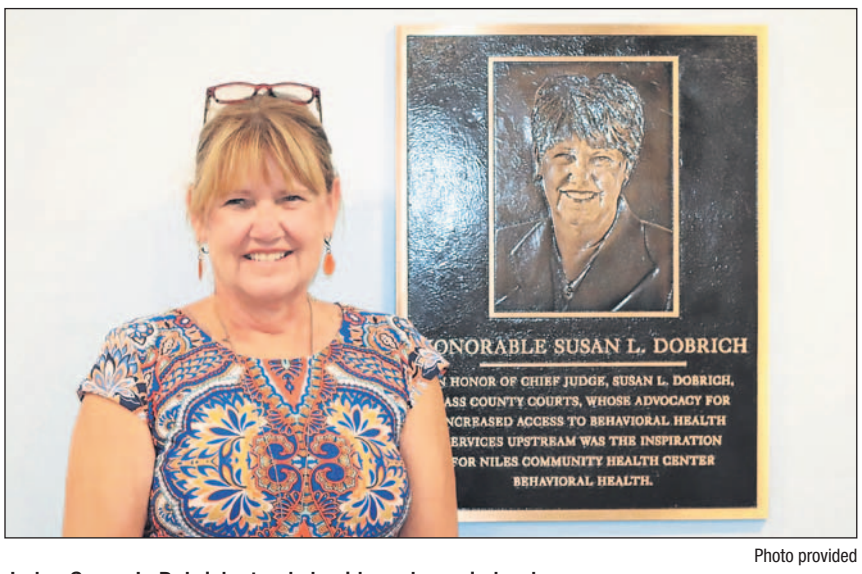
Part of an integrated behavioral health service, the program helps those living with addiction recover from their chronic disease. Behavioral health providers work with CFCN's medical doctors, nurse practitioners and physician assistants to provide care, according to a news release.

CEO Mary Geegan Middleton said the program and the behavioral health services unit were dedicated during a small ceremony Aug. 11, honoring Cass County Chief Judge Susan L. Dobrich.

Dobrich has advocated for increased access to behavioral health services, which was the inspiration for Niles Community Health Center behavioral health, Middleton said in the release.

The nonprofit Cassopolis Family Clinic Network has four clinic sites: Cassopolis Family Clinic, Ranger Wellness Center, Niles Community Health Center, and Niles Community Health Center Dental. Overall, it serves nearly 13,000 people in Cass and Berrien counties.

For more information about CFCN, visit cassfamilyclinic.org or call 262-4749, or 665-8800 for behavioral health.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N HONOR OF CHIEF JUDGE, SUSAN L. DOBRICH,
ASS COUNTY COURTS, WHOSE ADVOCACY FOR
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ERVICES UPSTREAM WAS THE INSPIRATION
FOR NILES COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH.

Photo provided

Judge Susan L. Dobrich stands beside a plaque in her honor.

MEDICAL PEOPLE

Lynn Gray named Michigan Family Physician of the Year

Dr. Lynn Gray, who was a family physician in Berrien Springs, has been recognized posthumously with the 2020 Michigan Family Physician of the Year Award.

GRAY

The award was announced during the Michigan Academy of Family Physicians' annual awards celebration, which was livestreamed Aug. 8 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Academy, the largest medical specialty organization in the state, presents the award to those who exemplify the tradition and contributions of the family physician to the continuing health of Michigan residents.

Gray was a steadfast advocate for his patients and a longtime member of the American Academy of Family Physicians and Michigan Academy of Family Physicians, according to a news release.

He joined the Academy in 1978, and served in many leadership roles – including 2005-06 MAFP president, MAFP board member, and Family Medicine Foundation of Michigan trustee.

Gray, who died June 13, practiced family medicine and emergency medicine for more than 40 years in Southwest Michigan. He was affiliated with Spectrum Health Lakeland, where he served as medical director for diversity and health equity.

He was especially dedicated to promoting the value of, and need for, family medicine in underserved communities and advocating for increased diversity among family physicians, according to the release.

Gray received his medical degree in 1975 from the University of Michigan, completed residency in 1978 at Grand Rapids Family Medicine Residency, achieved the AAFP Degree of Fellow in 1986, and earned his master's in public health in 1994 from Loma Linda University.

Items for Medical People should be sent to The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085, or emailed to focus@TheHP.com.

BLOOD DRIVES

American Red Cross

■ 11 a.m.-4:45 p.m. today, Caretel Inns of Lakeland, 3905 Lorraine Path, St. Joseph.

■ Noon-5:45 p.m. Thursday, St. Basil Catholic Church, 513 Monroe Blvd., South Haven.

■ Noon-4:45 p.m. Friday, Four Winds Casino Resort, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo.

■ 1-5:45 p.m. Monday, American Legion, 25751 U.S. Highway 12, Edwardsburg.

■ Noon-5:45 p.m. Tuesday, Pleasant View Church of Christ, 60550 Crooked Creek Road, Cassopolis.

■ 11 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Aug. 26, Silver Beach Center, 333 Broad St., St. Joseph.

Versiti Blood Center

■ Noon-7 p.m. today, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ Noon-5 p.m. Friday, Lakeland Hospital, Watervliet, classroom B, 400 Medical Park Drive.

■ 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ Noon-7 p.m. Aug. 26, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ Noon-6 p.m. Aug. 27, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

Donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh at least 112 pounds. To find more blood drives, visit www.redcrossblood.org or donate.michigan.versiti.org/donor/schedules/zip.

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LEGALS

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FORFEITURE NOTICE: To Hollis Morgan. On June 23, 2020, a Center Point crossbow with two arrows, ZTE smartphone, .22 cal Ruger pellet gun, Barnett Crossbow and $2,010.00 in US Currency was seized under the Michigan Controlled Substance Act. The police intend to forfeit these items. If you wish to contest this forfeiture, you must file a signed, written claim with the Southwest Enforcement Team at PO Box 2600, Battle Creek, MI 49016 by September 6, 2020.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS TRUST ESTATE

TO ALL CREDITORS:

The Settlor, **JULIE A. HANLON**, born **April 20, 1936**, who lived at **5098 N. Watervliet Road, Watervliet, MI 49098,** died **July 2, 2020**.

There is no personal representative of the settlor's estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against **THE JULIE A. HANLON RE-**

LEGALS

VOCABLE LIVING TRUST dated **August 30, 2018,** as amended, will be forever banned unless presented to **JOHN A. HUSHNITA** Successor Trustee, within 4 months after the date of publication.

Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Successor Trustee:
John Hushnita
5098 N. Watervliet Road
Watervliet, MI 49098
269-308-1180

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EMPLOYMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE

The City of South Haven is seeking a full-time City Manager.
This position is responsible to the City Council for the proper management and administration of all affairs of the City. The City Manager is expected to ensure the efficient operation of quality municipal services and to implement plans and programs in line with policy directions from the City Council.
Bachelor's in Public Administration or related field is required. Master's degree in Public Administration or related field is preferred. Previous experience as a City Manager, Assistant City Manager or related leadership position in a municipality required.
Previous experience in economic development, community relations, tourism, and/or planning/zoning preferred. Must be an effective communicator and problem-solver and be able to work with diverse groups.
To view full job posting and apply, go to southhavenmi.gov/human_resources.
Deadline to apply is August 28, 2020.

GENERAL HELP

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To view full job posting and apply, go to south-haven.com/human_resources.
Deadline for application is August 31. EOE

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COUNTY OF ST. JOSEPH

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SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

A CHILD ALLEGED TO BE A CHILD IN NEED OF SERVICES:

Talina Henderson and Selina Henderson
And
Janika Henderson, Chester Fly, Jr., and any "Unknown Alleged Father"

Cause No.: 71J01-2003-JC-000107 and 108

SUMMONS FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION & NOTICE OF CHILD IN NEED OF SERVICES HEARING

TO: Chester Fly, Jr., any "Unknown Alleged Father"
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the above noted parent, whose whereabouts are unknown, and who is the parent(s) of
Talina and Selina Henderson (date of birth April 7, 2017), that the Indiana Department of Child Services has filed its Verified Petition Alleging the Child to be in Need of Services, in accordance with Indiana Code 31-34-9-3, and that an adjudication hearing has been scheduled with the Court.

THE ADJUDICATION HEARING at which Chester Fly, Jr., and any "Unknown Alleged Father" must appear is scheduled for October 29, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. at the St. Joseph County Probate Court, 1000 S. Michigan St., South Bend, IN 46601, (574)-235-5371. At said hearing, the court will consider the Petition and evidence thereon and will render its decision as to whether above named minor child is in need of services and shall enter adjudication accordingly.

UPON ENTRY OF SAID ADJUDICATION, A DISPOSITIONAL HEARING will be held in which the Court will consider: (1) Alternatives for the care, treatment, or rehabilitation for the child(ren); (2) The necessity, nature, and extent of your participation in the program of care, treatment, or rehabilitation for the children; and, (3) Your financial responsibility for any services provided for the parent, guardian, or custodian of the children, including child support.

YOU MUST RESPOND by appearing in the case in person or by attorney within thirty (30) days after the last publication of this notice, and in the event you fail to do so, an adjudication on said petition and a dispositional decree may be entered against you without further notice.

THE ATTORNEYS REPRESENTING THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES, are Sharon Albrecht, Holly DeNeve, Jessen Jesse, Ellen Meyers, Whitney Paulus, and Emily Steele, 300 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Ste. 230, South Bend, IN 46601, (574)-232-3042.

Date this day of August 17, 2020. Rita Glenn, Clerk of St. Joseph County

GENERAL HELP

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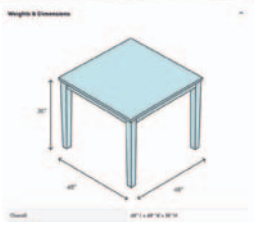

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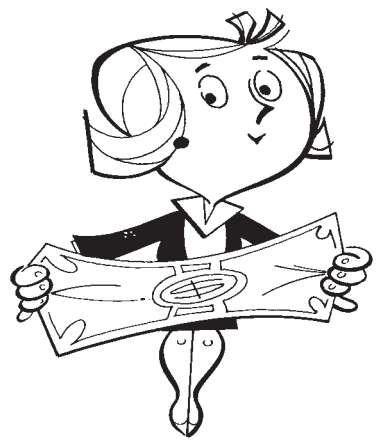

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By EUGENIA LAST

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

Acceptance and compromise will be essential if you want to achieve your goals this year. If you pay attention to detail and are willing to work hard, satisfaction will result. A positive attitude will enhance your life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Do some research about something you want to pursue. Dedication and determination will set you apart from any competition you encounter.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You'll come up with a host of good ideas. Before you share your intentions, test your plans. Celebrate your achievements with a loved one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Act according to what will benefit you and your loved ones. Consider a change at home or to your financial well-being rationally if you want to come out on top.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Run the show instead of letting someone else take the reins. Make suggestions that will appease any opponents. Act passionately, and you will win support from fence sitters waiting for someone to make the first move.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Keep your emotions under wraps. Discuss matters rationally and offer solutions. An unexpected lifestyle change is heading your way. Prepare to make adjustments without complaint.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be the one to take action. Focus on taking advantage of an opportunity. Consider making home improvements and cutting your overhead. Romance is encouraged.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Change only what's necessary. Don't worry about pleasing others. Take charge of your life, and refuse to let anyone dictate what you can do.

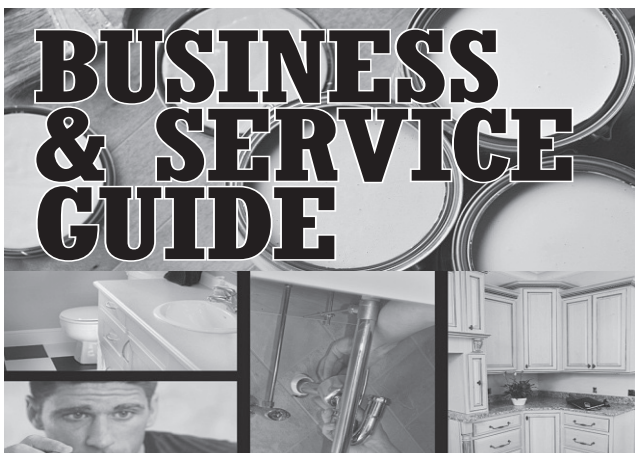
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Pay attention to what others are experiencing. Make personal improvements that will boost your confidence and attract compliments. Romance is favored, so start making plans.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Stay focused on what's important. Don't let a change someone makes throw you off guard. Offer others the same freedom you expect in return.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Make change happen. If you want something, go after it wholeheartedly. Use your imagination to come up with an innovative way to get ahead.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Put your plans in motion. and improve your lifestyle, home environment and important relationships. Refuse to let someone from your past stand in your way.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You won't have to stand alone if you are willing to compromise. Don't let stubbornness be an issue. A personal change will lift your spirits.



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State must offer more clarity to schools

Over the years, I have enjoyed reading and at times subscribing to magazines with articles about science. Discover, Scientific American and National Geographic are some of my favorites.

Robert Burgess
Opinion Maker

Having an interest in science and reading articles in popular magazines does not make me a scientist.

This much I know about science. It is not static. Scientific theories, as vigorous as they may be, can and do change. As an example, in the 17th century, Sir Isaac Newton wrote his famous principal about motion and gravity. It was not until the early 20th century, some 230 years later, that Albert Einstein's General Theory of Relativity proposed that Newton's Laws of Motion and Gravity were not entirely accurate. And 100 years later, scientists are working to prove or disprove Einstein's relativity.

COVID-19 is a virus that we have known about for less than a year. What science we know about the virus is being tested and changing regularly. Often politicians and laymen like me claim that our responses to the virus are based on science. Perhaps what we should be saying is that our responses should be based on the best science we have today and because that science may change tomorrow our response may have to change with it.

In that regard, I do not envy local boards of education for the decisions that they have had to make regarding how schools should re-start within a few short weeks. Some are opening with virtual classes only. Others with in-person sessions. Some with a mixture.

Recently, the Republican Legislature closed down for a week because a single legislator tested positive for the virus. Prior to that legislator's positive test, in June the Republican House passed legislation requiring local school districts to hold in-person classes for all students in grades K-5. The Legislature shut down based on a positive test of one legislator. What will happen when one or more students come to school after testing positive? What will happen when some students, like their parents, refuse to wear masks?

The Republican House also stated in its bill, which was approved by Berrien County representatives Brad Paquette and Pauline Wendzel, that all 540 local school districts and more than 300 charter schools (and ISDs or RESAs in all 83 counties) should come up with their own plans for return to school with the assistance of the local health departments in all 83 counties. Thus, more than 900 local school units are required to come up with a plan. The House punted on third down.

The Republican House's version washes its hands of responsibility and might as well have said: "Good luck, with opening schools! Hope the health department in your county is well staffed. Oh yeah, you want a budget so you know how much your revenues will be to fund all the PPE, cleaning supplies, technology upgrades for virtual learning, and repairs needed to improve school air handling systems that would ease teachers and parents minds? Sorry. Maybe by October we will finalize that unless, of course, we have to shut down to protect the health and safety of legislators. But go back to school. Don't worry. Be happy."

A week or so after the House bill, on June 30, the Michigan Safe School: Return to School Roadmap was released by the governor's office. The committee that put this document together consisted of state legislators from both parties, school administrators, medical professionals, teachers and other professionals, including Nicole Britten from the Berrien County Health Department.

As mentioned above, I am not a scientist. With that caveat and based on more than 30 years as a school business professional including as a past president of Michigan School Business Officials, I would suggest that the roadmap appears to be the best advice that is currently available. But even this document leaves too much detail to local school boards. Decision-makers at local districts need clarity. The South Bend Tribune recently editorialized that districts need to be transparent if an outbreak in school occurs. I agree. Let's hope it doesn't.

In the case of COVID-19, I wish the Legislature and the governor would cooperate ASAP and in a bipartisan manner for the benefit of Michigan's 1.5 million school age children and the nearly 350,000 teachers, principals and support staff. The recent bills passed by the Legislature do not solve the problem but only delay the inevitable budget decisions yet to be made. School boards had to make budget decisions in June. The Legislature? Not so much.

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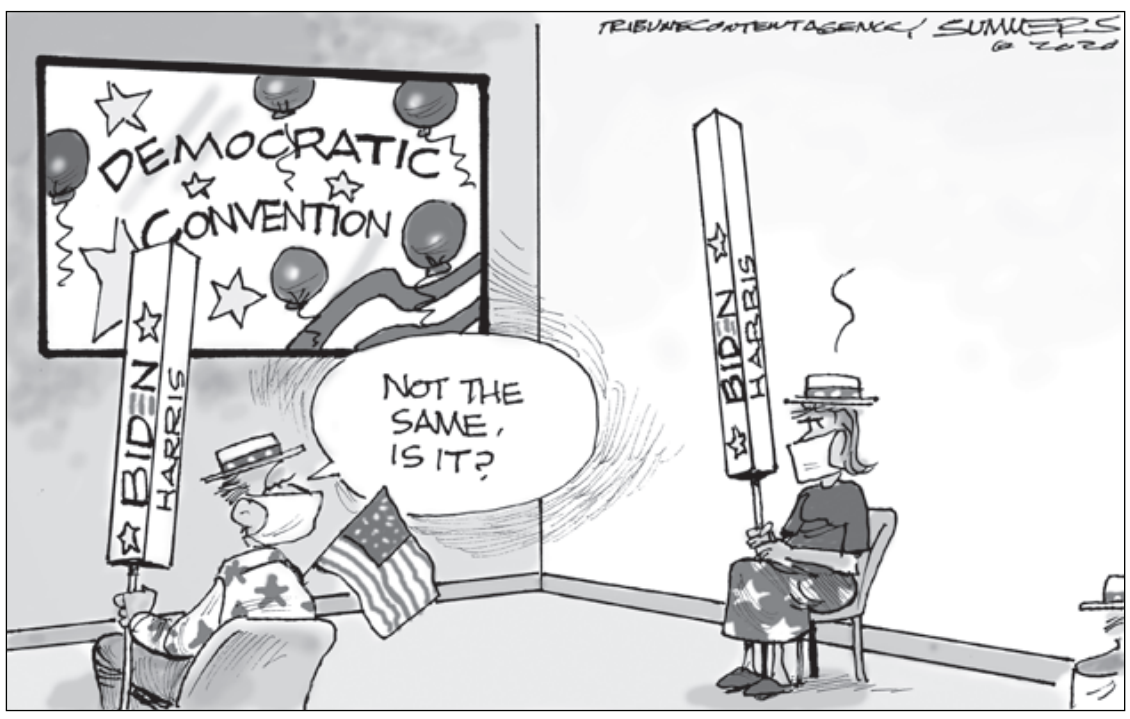
Election is a choice between Trump – and Harris

After months of carefully-choreographed suspense-building that produced more ennui than curiosity, Joe Biden finally made a decision: In November, voters will choose between Donald Trump and Kamala Harris.

Biden, the presumptive Democratic nominee, all but handed the presidency to his significantly younger and battle-ready running mate, at one time even saying the California senator is ready to lead the country.

Kathleen Parker



Never mind that his own party found her insufficiently nominate-able when she was running against Biden and a throng of other candidates during the Democratic primary. Biden is painfully familiar with her courage – or at least her audacity – having served as her target during a debate last year when she came close to accusing him of once being a racist. Like millions of Americans in the 1970s, Biden had opposed government-mandated busing as a young senator from Delaware.

Harris, one of those children who was bused to school, took a big chance in attacking Biden, who throughout his public-service career has worked alongside African Americans, as well as women, in securing equal rights. It was a low blow that Biden has clearly forgiven. Or, perhaps, one that he has embraced in a gesture of restitution, if partly in the service of political advantage.

Or maybe it was just smart politics on both their parts. How, after all, can two old white guys, a.k.a. Republicans, compete with a stentorian senator holding hands with a tough, smart, telegenic woman who represents a full-house of firsts? Not only is Harris the first woman of Indian and Jamaican descent to take her place at the top of the ballot, but she's also the first Black woman to be tapped for vice president.

And, therefore, president, or at least a better-than-even shot at the big job. If he wins, Biden, at 78, would be older than Ronald Reagan was when he left the presidency. You can do the math. If 78 seems old for a grueling job known to turn younger men gray, imagine what it will feel like at the end of the first term, when he will be 82.

This is not a welcome exercise. Needless to say, no one wishes Biden ill. Nor is it satisfying to examine a candidate's age when being sensitive to age seems kinder. Besides, Biden deserves respect for his long service, whatever his missteps along the way, including his abysmal handling of the Clarence Thomas Supreme Court confirmation hearings in 1991, when he was chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

But, of course, age matters a great deal when the presidency is at stake. Even if Biden serves out his full term, it is unlikely that he will run again, which means Harris will run for president in 2024 and, likely emerge in that circumstance as the frontrunner for the Democrats.

That prospect tees up a second, even more-interesting prospect – the first Black and Indian-American vice-president would be running against another Indian-American woman, Nikki Haley.

Two women running against each other for president? Can't you just feel the excitement from the National Organization for Women?

Although some have speculated that Trump would ditch Mike Pence and grab Haley's comet if things become desperate enough, the clock is winding down for that drama. Haley's too smart to risk her own presidential ambitions by involving herself any further with the Trump brand. Instead, she'll continue making speeches – and money – and cast her own lot in 2024.

It's almost worth electing Biden to ensure that we get the Kamala-Nikki showdown.

But not quite. Biden tapped Harris because she was the least risky choice. In doing so, he may have written the script for his party for the next decade, though nothing is assured. Polls indicating that Trump trails Biden, er, Harris may not be telling us much. Fence-sitters who watched the primary debates and came away disliking Harris' attack on Biden – and recalling her attacks on now-Justice Brett Kavanaugh during his confirmation hearing – may be more comfortable with a known quantity than with Harris, whose policies would offend anyone to the right of Bernie Sanders.

Biden, though he has made some adjustments to accommodate the more-progressive wing of his party, isn't a natural radical in the way Harris appears to be. If he wants to win with Harris by his side, he'll need to bring her with him toward a less-radical, more-centrist position. And, if Harris wants to secure her presidential future, she would do well to pick her battles carefully going forward. Like or dislike Mike Pence as vice-president, he's a decent man who won't enjoy fighting a woman. And even these days, most Americans won't like watching it.

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You can win for losing

Bruce Kauffmann, 1948-2020

Long-time HP syndicated columnist Bruce Kauffmann died this summer after a short illness. This column, written by him in advance, will be his final column in The HP.

Kauffmann, 72, is survived by his wife and two daughters.

This week (Aug. 17) in 1956, former Illinois governor Adlai Stevenson, who had lost the 1952 presidential election to Republican Dwight Eisenhower in a landslide (442 Electoral College votes to 89), was once again the Democratic Party's choice to challenge Eisenhower in the upcoming presidential election, having secured more than enough delegates by the second day of the Democratic National Convention. Among those who hoped to be his choice for vice president was the first-term junior senator from Massachusetts, John Kennedy.

Bruce Kauffmann
History Lesson

Kennedy was an up-and-comer, whose father, Joe Kennedy, was both wealthy and politically connected. The Kennedy camp even secured a time slot on the convention's opening night to show a film about the Democratic Party that, not coincidentally, prominently featured John Kennedy. And when Stevenson asked Kennedy to give the speech nominating Stevenson, Kennedy and his advisers were convinced he was the favorite for the vice-president slot.

And then Stevenson surprised the entire convention by announcing he would let the convention delegates choose his vice-presidential candidate and would indicate no prior preference. Caught off guard, the Kennedy camp adapted, manufacturing buttons, signs, banners, and so on, saying "Kennedy for Vice President," all the while working the backrooms in deal-making attempts to secure the nomination over several formidable opponents, including senators Estes Kefauver and Al Gore Sr. from Tennessee, and Hubert Humphrey from Minnesota. When the balloting began on the convention's last day, the Kennedy camp's work seemed to be paying off, and after the second ballot Kennedy surged to a formidable lead. As he headed to the convention hall that night, tellingly accompanied by a police escort, he was sure he would be nominated.

However, over the last few hours, Kennedy's Catholicism gave the delegates pause. As would later bedevil him in his run for president (which he eventually overcame), many Americans thought Catholics were more loyal to Rome and the pope than to their country, and Kefauver surged back into the lead, defeating Kennedy by a comfortable margin.

Kennedy was devastated, but it would be a political lifesaver, The Stevenson-Kefauver ticket lost to the Eisenhower-Nixon ticket by an even worse landslide than in 1952 (457 EC votes to 73), but Kennedy took no blame for the loss, and the newfound national prominence he earned at the convention convinced him to run for president in 1960.

There is an old catchphrase, "You can't win for losing," meant to express one's futility at how things keep going wrong. John Kennedy proved otherwise because in 1960 things kept going right for John Kennedy. For losing the vice-presidential nomination in 1956, in 1960 he easily bested two-time loser Adlai Stevenson for the presidential nomination, and ultimately won the election.

Bruce Kauffmann's history column was published in The Herald-Palladium for 19 years. His first column published in this newspaper ran a few days after the 9/11 terrorist strikes in 2001.

Harris is far from perfect candidate

Kamala Harris is a forceful personality, alert, awake, smart and ready to push you off the cliff if you get in her way. She does not believe in justice. She is an opportunist par excellence. Her compassion knows no beginning.

Jay Ambrose

All in all, she was a fascinating choice as Joe Biden's vice presidential running mate and could well become president herself someday, helping to lead this country further into progressive pulverization.

The left talks about her as, oh, wow, the new, improved America, and you wonder if they have ever looked back at what she did as San Francisco's district attorney and California's attorney general. For one thing, she mauled the wrongfully convicted.

One instance was in 2010 when she was DA and her deputies did nothing to alert defense attorneys that a lab technician in drug cases had passed on erroneous information defaming defendants. A judge said their constitutional rights had been violated, but Harris said the judge had a conflict of interest because her husband was a defense attorney. Harris wanted the 600 victims to remain victimized, but the judge heeded law and refused.

In a similar case, a man was found guilty of possessing a deadly weapon because his lawyer, later disbarred, failed to call any witnesses. Evidence showed some 15 years later he was innocent. Harris could have had him immediately released from prison but she came out on the side of judicial entanglement and he did not walk the streets again for another two years. He should then have received state reimbursement for his time behind bars, but, abetting cruelty, Harris said no.

There was also a case in which a man was accused by his stepdaughter of rape and then convicted because a prosecutor withheld contrary information. Harris's role was to keep his 70-year sentence intact.

Maybe you want to say all of this is political malarkey but it has been reported by reputable media outlets, including The New York Times. The sublimely liberal Atlantic magazine jumped in, telling us how she refused to investigate police corruption. She has since changed, comparing ICE agents to the Ku Klux Klan.

With mishmash substituting for evidence at Senate hearings, Harris believed the tall tales about Supreme Court nominee Bret Kavanaugh's sexual misdeeds and made an inquisitory star of herself. She then applied the same standards to suspect Biden accusers. "I believe them, and I respect them being able to tell their story and having the courage to do it," she said. She went after Biden another time during a debate, saying he wasn't a racist but insinuating that he was partly because he was against busing when she was a little girl getting bused to a good school. The next day, her staff had a T-shirt on the issue. Biden pointed out that he was only against federally mandated busing. She went back and forth on her position.

Given her exuberance about sexual-assault accusers, you might think Harris is for free speech. Sorry, but she would like to see Exxon prosecuted for stating its moderate views on climate change. And although she says she is open to the idea of felons in prison having the right to vote, she seriously questions whether someone should be appointed as a federal judge if he belonged to the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic charity group.

Of course, she has embraced extremes of all kinds, such as wanting the mostly poor, Black parents of vigorously truant students to be eligible for jail. She also sweated it out with tough competition to earn the most liberal voting record in the U.S. Senate in 2019, according to GovTrack.us.

Harris is not minus good deeds, but the list of bad ones is long, and understand that many woke, postmodern, cancel-culture news outlets right now are saying that criticism is sexist, racist slander. You should not pay attention to what I said unless you love our country.

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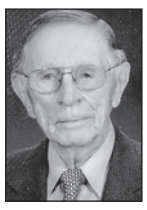
OBITUARIES

Henry Edward Christner

Dec. 19, 1921 – Aug. 8, 2020



Henry Edward Christner, 98, of Williamsburg passed away Aug. 8, 2020, at Patriots Colony.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Elizabeth Evelyn Christner.

Henry is survived by two sons: Henry Christner and wife, Deborah, of Washington, N.C., and Nick Christner and wife, Kimberly, of Barhamsville, Va.; one daughter, Nancy Christner of Virginia Beach, Va.; one brother, Kenneth Christner of Edwardsburg, Mich; six grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by six brothers: Willis, Ora and Harold Christner; and Walter, Russell and Richard Brazel.

Henry was born Dec. 19, 1921, in Elkhart, Ind. In 1942, he married Elizabeth Young, a school teacher, in Berrien Springs, and soon thereafter joined the U.S. Army during World War II. He served as a communications specialist at Allied headquarters in North Africa and Italy, where he crossed paths with Gen. Eisenhower and Winston Churchill. After the war, he was assigned to the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.. He and Elizabeth settled in Virginia, where they would live for the next 20 years. During this time, he worked for the government in various communication locations. One of those was Mount Weather, a then-secret underground base near Berryville, Va., which served as an evacuation site for the U.S. president and Congress in case of nuclear war.

Later, during the 1960s, he undertook a variety of communication assignments, including one in Vietnam. After the Kennedy assassination, he worked on a communication project related to presidential succession. In 1967, he was assigned to the Strategic Air Communications Command installation at Fort Huachuca near Sierra Vista, Ariz. While there, he was part of the "Dream Team" that worked on retinal-scanning technology. He also spent two years on assignment in Iran during the early 1970s, where he developed and implemented satellite communications throughout that country.

Henry retired in 1977, after which he and his family returned to Virginia, where they settled in Culpeper. Henry was known for his work ethic and ability to solve problems through analysis. He loved planting and nurturing many different kinds of evergreen trees. In later years, he was an avid golfer. He also enjoyed annual hunting trips with his brother and other family members to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Henry always thought tomorrow would be better, and his ability to persevere served him well until the very end. He will be greatly missed by those who knew him and loved him.

Services will be held in Williamsburg at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Legion, Post 85, Berrien Springs, Mich. (in memory of Henry E. Christner), or the Alzheimer's Association.

Henry's final resting place will be in Arlington National Cemetery. Online condolences may be shared at www.nelsenwilliamsburg.com.

James Boyd Malosh

July 30, 1943 – Aug. 14, 2020

James Boyd Malosh, 77, of Baroda passed away Friday, Aug. 14, 2020 at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. No services are scheduled. Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2650 Niles Road., St. Joseph, MI 556-9450.

James was born July 30, 1943, in Robinson, Ill. He lived with his mother, Nadean (Crandall) and father, John Malosh; sister, Linda and brother, Hugh.

On Oct. 22, 1973, in Eagle River, Mich., he married Helen Fay Kangas.

James received his PhD in mechanical engineering in 1980. After retirement, he professor of mechanical engineering, and various other locations including Whirlpool, Clark Equipment and Bosch Breaking Systems. He loved to tinker on cars and was very involved with music production with many artists.

James is survived by his wife, Helen; a son, Ronald (Olga) Malosh of Jacksonville, Fla.; stepchildren: Jeffrey Lukkari of Mass City, Mich., Brian (Rosalie) Lukkari of Monument, Colo., and Melanie Lukkari of Grosse Pointe, Mich.; granddaughter, Jessica Malosh; step-grandchildren: Jarrod Lukkari, Severina Lukkari, Jais Lukkari and Charleigh Farmer; a sister, Linda Malosh of Wayne, Mich.; and nephews and nieces: Paul Malosh, Robert Malosh, Dinah Bianchi and Sarah Gee.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and brother, Hugh (Cheryl) Malosh.

Death notices

Fannie Mae Bownes, 100, of Benton Harbor died Aug. 14, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Christopher Catching 29, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Benton Harbor died Aug. 6, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Henry Edward Christner, 98, of Williamsburg, Va., died Aug. 8, 2020. Nelson Funeral Home, Williamsburg, Va., (757) 565-1141.

Patricia Gentry, 63, of Benton Harbor died Aug. 11, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Melvin Lewis Hall, 73, of Benton Township died Aug. 4, 2020. Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service, Benton Township, 926-7222.

Douglas "Doug" James Hendrix, 64, died Aug. 17, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Funeral Home and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Joseph A. Hoyt, 72, of Niles died Aug. 18, 2020. Brown Funeral Home, Niles, 683-1155.

James Boyd Malosh, 77, of Baroda died Aug. 14, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Funeral Home and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Anna Marie Murphy, 67, of Bridgman died Aug. 17, 2020. Pike Funeral Home, Boyd Chapel, Bridgman, 465-3239.

Manroe R. "Manny" Raschke, 87, died Aug. 17, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Funeral Home and Cremation Services, St, Joseph, 556-9450.

Viber Redmon, 85, of Grand Rapids and formerly of Benton Harbor died Aug. 13, 2020. Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Township, 926-7222.

Gladys Shroyer, 90, of Niles died Aug. 17, 2020. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

William "Bill" E. Swisher Jr., 69, of Eau Claire died Aug. 11, 2020. Clark Chapel and Cremation Services, Dowagiac, 782-2135.

James Taylor, 63, of Benton Harbor died Aug. 11, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Robin "Rob" Vance, died Aug. 12, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Funeral Home and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Robert Vermilyer, 63, of Niles died Aug. 15, 2020. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Chucqweda Washington, 22, of Benton Harbor died Aug. 1, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Gertraud K. Antonowitsch

April 22, 1934 – Aug. 17, 2020

Gertraud K. Antonowitsch, 86, of St. Joseph passed away Monday, Aug. 17, 2020, in South Bend.

A celebration of life service will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road., St. Joseph. Burial will follow in Riverview Cemetery, St. Joseph. Out of respect to social distancing and keeping the community safe, masks will be required. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service, from noon-1 p.m. also at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to donor's choice. Those wishing to send a condolence online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Gertraud was born April 22, 1934, to Ewald and Gretchen Wegner in Stettin, Germany. On July 21, 1951, she married Theodor Antonowitsch in Germany. Following their wedding they immigrated to the United States. Together, they owned Quality Builders, Inc. in Berrien Springs and also owned and operated Scott Lake East Camp Ground in Bloomingdale, Mich. Gertraud was a founding member of St. Joe Kickers Sport Club, where she was active for many years. She enjoyed dancing, especially polka; singing in the Warblers Choir at the Whitcomb, crocheting various items, bird and wildlife watching in her later years, and tending to her flower garden. She also loved to cook German food and desserts.

Gertraud is survived by her children: Christiana (W.G.) Smith, Paul (Krista) Antonowitsch and Angelika (Charles) Colpitts; grandchildren: Erik (Brandy) Antonowitsch, David (Cara) Antonowitsch, Ryan Colpitts and Kurt Antonowitsch; great-grandchildren: Ava and Isla Antonowitsch; and special family friends: Janet Loomis and Mona Hughes.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Theodor Antonowitsch; son, Herbert Antonowitsch; sister, Helga Bolz; and half-brother, Herbert Antonowitsch.

Lewis Daniel 'L.D.' Moffitt

July 12, 1925 – Aug. 14, 2020

Minister Lewis Daniel "LD." Moffitt, 95, of Benton Harbor passed away Aug. 14, 2020. A private service will be held. Those wishing to sign the guest book online may do so at www.robbinsbrothersfh.com.

Lewis was born July 12, 1925, in Huntingdon, Tenn., to Travis and Otha Moffitt.

He gave his life to the Lord and married Katherine (Gulley) Moffitt. Lewis enjoyed attending church, studying his Bible, and serving as an ordained minister. He was a member of Jesus Lives Here C.O.G.I.C where he attended faithfully for over three decades. Lewis was a caring husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle who loved God and his family.

Lewis will be remembered by his children: Dorothy Moffitt-Clark, Frankie Moffitt, Lewis Moffitt, Mary Moffitt, Otis Moffitt, Lillie Moffitt, Willie (Norma) Moffitt, Margaret Moffitt, Stanley Moffitt, Marion Moffitt, Pamela Moffitt, Darrell Reid, Kevin (Verica) Moffitt, Jennifer (Dedrick) Moffitt-Valentine, Teresa Griffin, Patricia (DuWayne) Robinson, Sylvia (Kala) Sanders; and one brother, S.Q. Moffitt. He has a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren and family.

Lewis was preceded in death by his wife of 30 years, Katherine Gulley-Moffitt; his first wife, Mildred Brown; his second wife, Sadie Louise Moffitt; sons: James Moffitt, Terry Wayne Moffitt, Joseph Dickson, and Rodney Dickson; daughter, Clementine Moffitt; grandchildren: Deandre Moffitt and Tristan Moffitt; brothers: J.C. Moffitt, R.B. Moffitt; sisters: Ida Mae Rooks, Fairy C. Davis, Mary Lee Moore, Rosie Lee Gregory, Etta Mae Young, and Virgie Pettis.

Manroe R. 'Manny' Raschke

June 2, 1933 – Aug. 17, 2020

Local industrialist, Manroe R. "Manny" Raschke, 87, passed away Monday, Aug. 17, 2020 at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville, after an extended illness. A celebration of life graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, at Riverview Cemetery, St. Joseph, with Pastor Adam Bohland officiating.

Out of respect for the family and guests in attendance, masks will be required as well as proper social distancing. Seating will be limited; guests are welcome to bring their own chair for their comfort. Memorial contributions in Manny's memory may be made to Zion Evangelical United Church of Christ-St. Joseph, Berrien County Cancer Services, Caring Circle Hospice, or The Salvation Army. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Manny was born June 2, 1933, in Benton Harbor, to Walter and Anna (Pantel) Raschke.

He grew up on Wauceda Avenue, where as a young boy, he enjoyed the sands of Jean Klock Park and adventures on the Paw Paw River. He attended Morton Hill Grade School and Benton Harbor Junior and Senior High Schools, graduating in 1951. While a senior at Benton Harbor, he enlisted in the U. S. Naval Reserves, serving for nine years. He attended Western Michigan University pursuing an engineering degree. In 1954, he married his high school sweetheart, Mary Ann Miller, and with whom he has shared 65 years of marriage, three children and five granddaughters.

Manny was president and CEO of State Tool & Manufacturing until his retirement in 2008. He was a member of the Point O' Woods Golf and Country Club and Avondale Golf Club in Palm Desert, Calif. He was hard working, ambitious, straight-to-the point kind of person whose wit was shared enjoying hobbies of golf, and card games with many friends. His love of family was first and foremost in his life.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann; children: Scott Raschke of Benton Harbor, Lynn Raschke of Scottsdale, Arizona, Stephanie (John) Merrill of Baroda; granddaughters: Casey Merrill, Allie Merrill, Emily Raschke, Anna Raschke, Rachel Raschke; nieces: Jeri Hogan and Susan (Timm) Pschigoda; and nephews: Dale (Kathy) Schumacher and James (Cathy) Foster.

Robin 'Rob' Vance

May 19, 1955 – Aug. 12, 2020

Robin "Rob" Vance, passed away, Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2020 at his home.

Rob was born May 19, 1955, in St. Joseph to James G. and Sonia A. (Tollas) Vance. He graduated from St. Joseph High School, class of 1973. After high school, Rob served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Rob married his wife, Jayne A. McDonald, of Benton Harbor on June 1, 2012. He was employed by New Products Corp. in Benton Harbor; Whirlpool Corp., Berrien Hills Golf Club for several years, and since 2017 had been a groundskeeper at Harbor Shores Golf Course.

Rob was a long-time member of the BPOE #541 St. Joseph/Benton Harbor. Sharing conversation with other veterans was important to him. He enjoyed rooting for the University of Michigan Wolverines and the Green Bay Packers. He also enjoyed camping with "The Gang" at Camp Bull@#%! in Baldwin.

Rob is survived by his wife, Jayne; two sisters: Kellene Brown of Jonestown, Pa., Shawn Vance-Dixon of Wauseon, Ohio; nieces and nephews: Neil Brown, Phillip Brown, Shannon Dixon, Shane Dixon and Cora; and great-nephews: Gabriel and Jacob Dixon.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Due to COVID-19, no services will be held at this time. Arrangements are entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph. Those wishing to sign Rob's memory book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Anna Marie Murphy

March 6, 1953 – Aug.17, 2020

Anna Marie Murphy, 67, of Bridgman passed away Monday, Aug. 17, 2020, at the Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville.

A Memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, at Pike Funeral and Cremation Services, Boyd Chapel, 9191 Red Arrow Hwy., Bridgman. Friends may meet with the family from 10-11 a.m. prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be given to Hospice at Home, 4025 Health Park Lane, St. Joseph, MI 49085. Online condolences accepted at www.PikeFH.com.

Anna was born Friday, March 6, 1953, in Bridgman. On July 22, 1994, Anna married Edward Dennis Murphy. She worked as a quality control manager for AD-CO Die Cast Corporation in Bridgman. Anna enjoyed spending time in her flower garden, traveling and cruising.

Survivors include her husband of 26 years, Dennis Murphy; children: Edward "Daniel" Murphy; two grandchildren: Jonathan Foster and Adrian Foster; one step-grandchild, Madison Murphy, and siblings: Spencer, Mae, Forrest and Carol.

Anna was preceded in death by her son, Stephen Murphy.

Douglas 'Doug' James Hendrix

March 9, 1956 – Aug. 17, 2020

Douglas "Doug" James Hendrix, 64, passed away Aug. 17, 2020 surrounded by his family. A celebration of life service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 21, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road., St. Joseph, with the Rev. David Stout officiating.

Memorials can be made in Doug's name to the Humane Society of Southwestern Michigan. Those wishing to sign Doug's memory book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Doug was born March 9, 1956, in Fremont, Mich., to Charlotte and Eugene "Gene" Hendrix. Doug graduated from Lakeshore High School in 1974. On June 23, 1979 he married Cheri Baushke and together they had two children: Kimber and Paul.

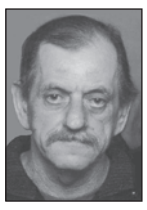
He spent his life serving the Southwest Michigan community as a general contractor, where he completed a variety of construction jobs. Throughout his life he supported a variety of local causes including, Lakeshore athletics, Lakeshore bands, and the Humane Society of Southwestern Michigan. Doug enjoyed cooking, but his greatest hobby was spending time with his many friends and family.

He is survived and will be missed by his wife, Cheri; two children: Kimber and Paul (Megan); grandson, Logan; a sister, Joanne (Al) Mayer, and brother, Dave (Sandy); and his mother-in-law, Shirley Sink.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Charlotte and Eugene Hendrix.

William 'Bill' E. Swisher

Oct. 4, 1950 – Aug. 11, 2020



William "Bill" E. Swisher Jr., 69, of Eau Claire passed away Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2020, at River Ridge Manor, Niles.

A celebration of life service will be held graveside, at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, at Riverside Cemetery with Pastor Lonny Carpenter officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church of Lawton. Friends wishing to leave the family a message of condolence may do so at www.clarkch.com.

Bill was born Oct. 4, 1950, to William E. and Gilberta (Wilson) Swisher Sr., in South Haven. Bill was a citizen of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi. He attended Dowagiac High School and Southwestern Michigan College. Bill enjoyed sports and was an avid Notre Dame fan. Most of all he loved his family and spending time with them.

Bill is survived by his children: Ann Rogers, Christina Walton, David Halquist, Allan Halquist and Alice McBurnett; siblings: Chet Swisher, Karen (David) Councilman and Dennis Swisher.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Venus Swisher and siblings: Ramona Duff and Marylynn Yeager.

Patricia Gentry

July 4, 1957 – Aug. 11, 2020

Patricia Gentry, 63, of Benton Harbor departed this life Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2020. A private service will be held. Those wishing to sign the guest book online may do so at www.robbinsbrothersfh.com.

Patricia retired after 30-plus years of service to the Industrial Rubber Company. She worked at Benton Harbor Charter School, where she was known as Mama "G." Patricia loved children and cared for and nurtured so many throughout her life.

She was a blessed woman, beautiful, hard-working, awesome cook, entrepreneur and a free spirit who loved her children.

Patricia is survived by her longtime companion, Charles Peoples; four children: Atwood Wynn (Ashley), Willie Wynn (Peaches), John Gentry Jr, Ann Marie Gentry; five grandchildren: Treyvonta'e Wynn, Ednisha Wynn, Jeremiah Quick, Atwood Wynn Jr, and A'rmoni Hubbard; one great-grandson, Cariter Harris; one brother, William Doeloney; two sisters: Helen Johnson and Teresa Wynn-Hill.

Patricia was preceded in death by her husband, John Gentry.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

1995 – 25 years ago

Kimberly Ann Leep, 18, of Martin, plans to study marketing at Kalamazoo ValleyCommunity College. On Sunday, she did a pretty good job of selling herself – she was named Miss Cass and St. Joseph County for 1995 at Southwestern Michigan College. The win gave her an opportunity to compete in the Miss Michigan Pageant next June, and a possible shot at becoming Miss America in September 1996. Leep is the daughter of Phillip and Pat Leep. She has three sisters and one brother, all of Martin. One sister, Christie Leep, was Miss Wayland Dahlia for Allegan County in 1993.

1985 – 35 years ago

Roughly 35 aircraft took part in Watervliet Airport's 27th annual Fly-In Sunday morning. David Steele, chairman of the airport board said early morning thunderstorms apparently scared away some potential participants and reduced the number of spectators. He estimated 1,200 attend the Fly-In. Trophy for the oldest airplane went to Jim Demler of South Haven for his 1946 Taylor Craft. Other trophy winners were: Nyle Myers 68, of Bridgman, oldest pilot; Gary Heuser, 33, of Lawrence youngest pilot and first cross country arrival, and Carl Kersteter of Antigo, Wis., for flying the longest distance.

1970 – 50 years ago

The Benton Heights Athletic association will hold a dance at the House of David Park Wednesday for the benefit of its baseball program that enrolls 100 boys. Charlie Mott and The Jokers are donating their time and talent. The association is seeking a teenage band to fill out the evening.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 19, the 232nd day of 2020. There are 134 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On August 19, 1814, during the War of 1812, British forces landed at Benedict, Maryland, with the objective of capturing Washington D.C.

On this date:

In 1807, Robert Fulton's North River Steamboat arrived in Albany, two days after leaving New York.

In 1812, the USS Constitution defeated the British frigate HMS Guerriere off Nova Scotia during the War of 1812, earning the nickname "Old Ironsides."

In 1848, the New York Herald reported the discovery of gold in California.

In 1909, the first automobile races were run at the just-opened Indianapolis Motor Speedway; the winner of the first event was auto engineer Louis Schwitzer, who drove a Stoddard-Dayton touring car twice around the 2.5-mile track at an average speed of 57.4 mph.

In 1934, a plebiscite in Germany approved the vesting of sole executive power in Adolf Hitler.

In 1942, during World War II, about 6,000 Canadian and British soldiers launched a disastrous raid against the Germans at Dieppe, France, suffering more than 50-percent casualties.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Sunny	Clear	Sunny	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
77°	58°	81° / 60°	83° / 63°	82° / 65°	80° / 62°

Local Outlook

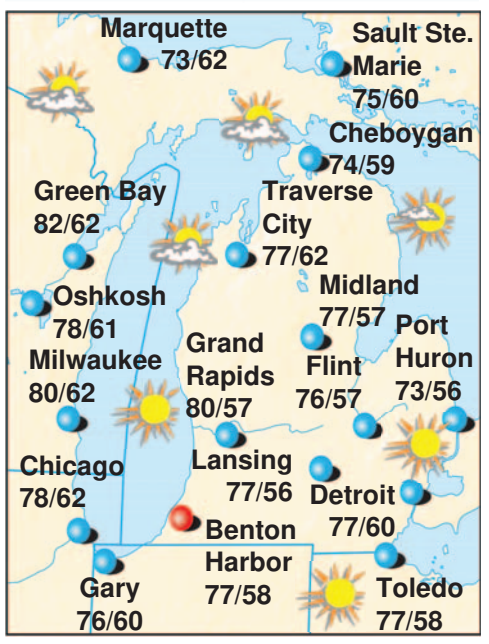
Today we will see sunny skies, high temperature of 77°, humidity of 46%. South southeast wind 3 to 7 mph. Expect clear skies tonight, overnight low of 58°. East southeast wind 1 to 7 mph. Thursday, skies will be sunny, high of 81°, humidity of 48%.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	6:58 a.m.
Sunset	8:39 p.m.
Moonrise	7:19 a.m.
Moonset	9:29 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
8/25	9/2	9/10	9/17

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	76°
Low	58°
Normal High	80°
Normal Low	61°
Record High	87° in 2019
Record Low	49° in 2012

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	1.29"
Normal for month	2.46"
Year to date	25.74"
Normal Year to date	23.69"

Air Quality

Yesterday 51

Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50	Good
51-100	Moderate
101-150	Sensitive
151-200	Unhealthy

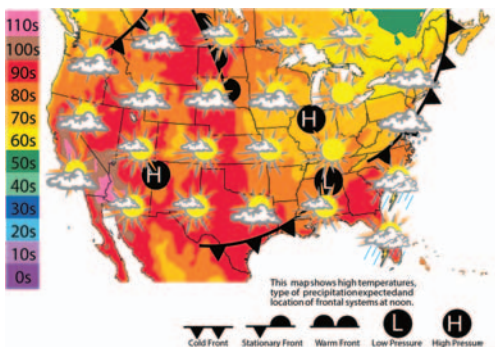
Weather Trivia

What is the largest hailstone ever found?

Answer: 17.5 inches, found in Coffeyville, Kansas on Sept. 3, 1979.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Aug. 19, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, ENE wind 5 to 8 kt. Sunny. Waves 1 to 2 ft. Water temperature 73 degrees. Tonight, N wind 5 to 7 kt. Clear. Waves around 1 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy with highs in the 70s. West northwest wind 2 to 5 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies Thursday with highs in the 80s. Southwest wind 6 to 11 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be sunny with highs in the 70s and 80s. South southeast wind 3 to 7 mph. Expect sunny skies Thursday with highs in the 80s. Southwest wind 2 to 5 mph.

SHOWCASE

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"It was a little different, but still very fun," said George, who was at the fair for Tuesday only. "It's just one day in and out for me. It is a little different, but in some ways it's nice because you get more time at home. This was a good alternative."

'It's very different'

The alternative showcase began on Sunday, which was dedicated to beef and still exhibits.

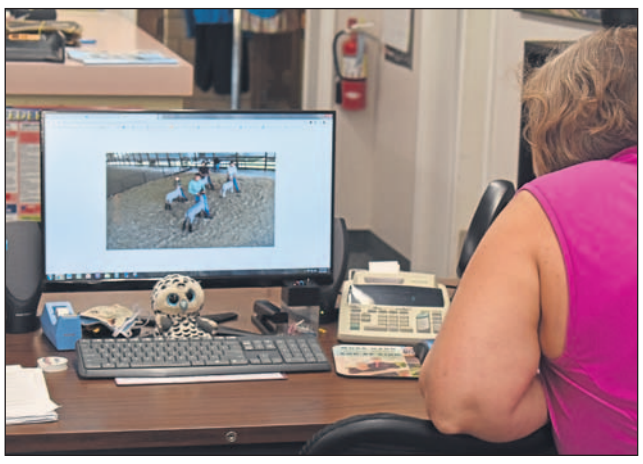
On Monday there were goats, while Tuesday featured sheep and dog exhibitors at the fairgrounds. The sheep and dog exhibitors were split between the east and west sides of the property.

Equine exhibitors will be active today through Friday, when the unique wraps up.

The biggest difference has been the number of exhibitors involved. Klug said they anticipate about 188 exhibitors for the week.

"We're following CDC guidelines, which limits what we can do and how many people we can have here at a time," Klug said. "There are some who chose not to participate. It's very different. I hope we never have to do it like this again."

In the crafts category, where the average year might see 4,000 exhibits, Klug said there were 200.



Tony Wittkowski / HP staff

Fair Manager Karen Klug watches a sheep showcase Tuesday, which was being livestreamed via the Berrien County Youth Fair's website.

Some of the showcases were eliminated altogether.

Klug said the swine exhibits were not allowed this year because there were too many exhibitors (nearly 200 entries were submitted).

"There was no way we could accommodate that many people in one day within the guidelines of the executive orders," Klug said.

Others not included in the alternative showcase are home ec, flowers, llamas, cats, poultry, rabbits and other pocket pets.

Matthew Carpenter, 20, has been coming to the fair for 15 years.

The Eau Claire resident has shown dogs and rabbits in previous fairs. This year, due to some of the animal restrictions, Carpenter was with Roxy, his German short-haired pointer.

"The sights and sounds of not having the rest of the fair is the biggest change," Carpenter said. "There's no audience. Although in some ways it's less stressful. It's a bit more laid back."

He said his favorite part about the fair is usually the people.

Carpenter said he intends to return for the fair next year.

"I'm glad we're able to do anything at all," Carpenter said. "We were all 6 feet apart. Other than that, it was pretty relaxed."

The fair, which was set to celebrate its 75th anniversary, will next be held Aug. 16-21, 2021.

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MSU

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community, we know that this virus is relentless and is easily spread. We're seeing on our campus and in other areas of the country that a few mistakes by some are having large impacts on many."

Research will continue, Stanley said. University officials will work with international students for their visas.

Undergraduate classes begin Wednesday, Sept. 2.

Notre Dame

Also on Tuesday, officials at Notre Dame University announced that in-person learning would be suspended for two weeks, due to recent surges in COVID-19 cases in several clusters on campus. That decision will evaluated after two weeks, with the possibility that the entire semester may be moved to remote-learning only.

Students who commute to school were told to stay off campus and take classes remotely. Students living on campus were told to refrain from leaving campus.

According to WNDU-TV, Notre Dame officials reported 80 new coronavirus cases were recorded Tuesday.

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